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Kinnock sets party on free market track

Todd attacks 'cordless telephone socialism'

- **Mr Kinnock won an ovation for challenging Labour *to accept the mixed* economy and forsake sloganising.**
- **As the Left reacted, Mr *Ron Todd* attacked middle-class socialists with pink roses and sharp suits.**
- **Tomorrow's crucial defence vote was becoming a cliff-hanger, with NUPE about to oppose the leadership.**
- ***An attempt* by the *left-wing* Tribune group to win all 15 Shadow Cabinet places threatens leading right-wingers.**

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock set the Labour Party on an *historic* new course yesterday, proclaiming that it could run the market economy better than the Conservatives.

He received an ovation for a passionate speech in which he challenged party activists to stop using slogans and concentrate *on instead on achieving* the power needed to implement Labour's social policies.

But within hours of Mr Kinnock's conference triumph, Labour's internal tensions were once again on display. Speaking at a left-wing Tribune rally, Mr Ron Todd, the transport workers' general secretary, attacked "sharp-suited, cordless telephone socialism" and declared that the key policy *document, Aims and Values*, would not win Labour the battle of ideas.

Emboldened by his re-election in Sunday's leadership contest, Mr Kinnock warned the party's conference in Blackpool that be intended to make use of the mandate he had been given to modernize the party.

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He preached the gospel of *the mixed economy and urged* Labour to become interested in the creation of the wealth needed to fulfil its welfare priorities.

Mr Kinnock *also risked* a serious split in his ranks when he made it clear that the unilateralist defence policy which many believe has played a key role in Labour's three successive election defeats was no longer sacrosanct.

Hammering home again and again the lesson that nothing could be achieved without gaining power first, Mr Kinnock said: "To win *power is to* have the means of achieving non-nuclear defence ourselves and securing the reduction of nuclear arms by others."

He added that Labour's policy for the next election "must be serious about nuclear disarmament, serious about defence. Indeed, so *serious about both objectives* that we are capable of earning the democratic power to achieve them".

Although Mr Kinnock's *associates insist that he is* interested only in keeping options open while the policy review team considers defence policy between now and next October, right-wing union leaders and MPs believe the implication of his words is *that* a Labour government will participate in arms reduction talks and therefore retain Britain's nuclear weapons in order to do so.

"He was admitting that CND lost us the last three elections," *said one rejoicing* right wing MP.

Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, said: "I can see us facing the next *election* with a defence policy which is acceptable to the majority of the British people."

Mr John Edmonds, of the *GMB, said*: "Neil Kinnock has won the party and I think that means the party might well win the next election."

But Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, said: "It was a quite deplorable speech. It was a complete departure from *socialist* values and the constitution of the party, which could have come from the SDP or the SLD."

Mr Bill Jordan, of the engineers' union, said Mr Kinnock had been given an overwhelming mandate to take the party out of the last century and into the next.

But the jubilation of Labour's centre right was not echoed on the left. Last night Mr *Todd revealed the* bitterness behind the scenes in a remarkable speech prepared for delivery before Mr Kinnock spoke.

He pledged to continue the fight for unilateralism — an issue to be debated at the conference to-morrow. He called the policy reviews mud*dled and short of ideas and the* party's attacks on the Conservatives "feeble". Then, in an extraordinary passage, Mr Todd declared that there were *social divisions in the party* between its "nostalgic tendency" and the modernizers and reformers.

Kinnock allies smoothed away *Mr Todd's intervention* as displaying the confusions of a man torn between a right-wing conference delegation and a left-wing executive and *resentful of the limelight* accorded to his counterparts in other unions. But his intervention *so* soon after Mr Kinnock's conference triumph underlined the upward struggle Mr Kinnock faces.

Mr Kinnock was in little *doubt of the accusations* he would face from the left. In the speech *itself* he denied that it represented a "slide to the right" or a concession to *Thatcherism*, *insisting* that "the greatest concession to

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Two people shared *yesterday's* £4,000 *daily* prize: Mr George Gammon, from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, a *Times* reader for 40 years, and Mr Keith Cooper, from *Melton Mowbray*, Leicestershire. The Portfolio Accumulator *stands at £250,000.*

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Cambridge is exams leader

Cambridge has more exam successes than any other university, according to an analysis of nationwide statistics published yesterday. And details given of the relative costs of educating students will *strengthen* calls for costs to be covered by a voucher or parent contributions.

Arts and social science degrees awarded by London *University* will be published tomorrow. **Analysis, Page 4**

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Sandy Lyle criticized the decision not to seed *Jeff Sluman*, the US PGA champion, for the World Match Play Golf *Championship* at Wentworth tomorrow .... **Page 48**

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The British men's hockey team arrived home with their *Olympic* gold medals yesterday to an enthusiastic reception .... **Page 48**

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Setback for leadership on nuclear compromise

By *Philip Webster and Roland Rudd*

The Labour *leadership's* hopes of achieving a conference compromise on nuclear defence faces a setback today when the National Union of *Public* Employees joins the giant transport workers' union in its decision to back *outright unilateralism* in tomorrow's vital debate.

The union's executive is set to decide to cast its 600,000 block vote against the carefully constructed attempt, backed by several big union leaders and party officials, to back the achievement of disarmament by "unilateral, *bilateral* and *multilateral*" means, the approach expected to be taken by the policy review group on defence.

With the TGWU decision on *Monday to take the same* line, the Labour leadership now faces a cliffhanging vote on a motion for which it was seeking a comfortable majority.

It is almost certain that motions reaffirming a hard-line unilateralist stance will be passed tomorrow.

But the leadership had hoped that this would be

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Baker's Russian lesson

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, talking to Russian schoolchildren in Moscow yesterday during a seven-day visit to the Soviet Union. Poetic message, page 8.

Syrians pledge to press for freedom of Beirut hostages

From Juan-Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

Professor Mithileshwar Singh, *the Indian hostage* freed in Beirut on Monday, was reunited with his wife at the US Ambassador's residence in Damascus yesterday after being handed over by the Syrians.

Showing the strains of his 20 months in captivity, despite a brave smile, Professor Singh said: "There is no *substitute for freedom in the* world. I am very happy."

He gave little insight about *his captivity, but did say that* he had been treated "better than I was expecting" and that the only other hostages he saw were the three American professors *kidnapped* with him from the Beirut University College. "It is better for me not to say anything," he told reporters. "Please respect my freedom and let me be quiet. It is better for my colleagues." Professor Singh, a soft-spoken business academic aged 60, appeared in a new grey suit *as Syrian* officials handed him over to US diplomats during a brief ceremony at the Foreign Ministry in Damascus. He had been given two lengthy *health* checks from two doctors, a Syrian and an American.

Professor Singh: Wanted to be quiet for colleagues' sake.

As Professor Singh prepared to travel to an American military hospital in West Germany, *US diplomats in Damascus* received fresh assurances that Syria would continue to work on behalf of all foreign hostages. According to Lebanese press reports, Mr Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary of State for *Near Eastern Affairs, had* already been told of those efforts during meetings with Syrian officials last month.

Hours before Professor Singh was *set free in a south* Beirut street on Monday night, Mr Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister, had provoked great expectations in Washington by declaring that the release of a US hostage was imminent. The

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GrandMet launches $5bn offer

By Carol Ferguson

Britain's Grand Metropolitan, the *drinks, food and catering* group which owns Berni Inns, is bidding $5.23 billion (£3.1 billion) for the US Pillsbury company, owner of Burger King, the world's second-largest fast food chain.

GrandMet is offering cash, funded *by a £479m* rights issue and bank borrowings, for the Minneapolis-based food group, which also makes Green Giant sweetcorn and *Häagen-Dazs* ice cream.

GrandMet's $60 a share offer, $21 a share above Monday's *closing price* in New York, is significantly more than US analysts had been *expecting for Pillsbury*. They believe GrandMet is making a pre-emptive strike which Pillsbury's board will find difficult not to recommend.

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Inquest protest by families of victims

By Rodney Cowton and Paul Vallely

Five families of victims of the King's Cross disaster last night announced that *they* were hiring a barrister to represent them at the inquest, which began yesterday on the 31 people who died in the fire .

They expressed dissatisfaction with the way witnesses had been cross-examined.

This came after a solicitor representing 27 families withdrew after complaining that the families could not be represented because London Regional Transport had refused to pay their legal fees, and they could not afford to *do so themselves*.

But at the end of the hearing five families announced that *they were engaging Mr Charles* Pugh, who had also represented the families at the 91-day *formal* inquiry into the causes of the disaster earlier in the year.

One relative said :"We were very shocked at the way the first witnesses were treated, *almost as if they* were criminals, instead of people who have gone through a very traumatic situation."

Mr Ian Walker, representing the 27 families addressed the coroner, Dr Douglas Chambers, and announced that he would be leaving the court almost immediately. The families could not afford proper legal representation, he said.

"The *relatives* feel that London Regional Transport has a high moral duty to make *sure* they have a voice at this inquest", said Mr Walker, outside the court.

London Regional Transport said it had declined to pay solicitors' costs connected with the inquest as it had already promised to pay compensation.

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Kuwaitis could lose £350m on forced cut in BP holding

By John Bell, City Editor

Gulf sources claimed last night that Kuwait may begin a massive sell-off of its £15 billion London portfolio of shares in response to the British Government decision to force a sale of more than *half the Kuwaiti shareholding* in British Petroleum.

Analysts estimate that the forced sale could lead to losses of as much as £350 million on *the Kuwaitis' BP investment*.

The government decision follows a unanimous report by the *Monopolies* and Mergers Commission that the Kuwait holding of 22 per cent *in BP* may be expected to operate against the public interest.

Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, accepted the report's findings and has asked the Director General of Fair Trading to consult the *Kuwait Investment Office, the* London-based investment arm of the Kuwait Government, with a view to reducing the stake to not more than 9.9 per cent.

Kuwait was "extremely dissatisfied" with the MMC report, said *Mr Michael Walter*, a partner in the KIO's London solicitors, Stephenson Harwood. It was too early to say whether the KIO would co-operate with the talks aimed at reducing its shareholding.

A sudden sale of even a modest part of the KIO portfolio could *have* a severe impact on the London stock market. In the Gulf, banking sources beleived that Kuwait is likely to make some gesture of protest at the forced sale.

"This will shake the KIO's confidence in the British market and force a reappraisal," said one senior banker.

The KIO holding was built *up last autumn* and winter after the flop of the £7.5 billion government sale of BP shares. The public shunned the sale of the Government's 31.7 per cent BP stake after the stock market crash left the price unattractive, and the Kuwaitis moved in.

BP welcomed the MMC report. Sir *Peter Walters, the* chairman, said: "Publication of the report removes the *uncertainty which has been* such a negative factor for BP since the reference to the MMC last May. The primary issue is now an orderly disposal *of the divested shares.*" Lord Young said the action being taken against KIO was "a confirmation of our belief in free markets. KIO is a member of Opec. Opec is one of the great cartels in the world. We will not be part of a cartel.

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"You have to look at the influence which a shareholder of that (KIO's) size may have on the conduct of a business." he said on BBC *Radio* 4's *World at One* programme.

Mr Bryan Gould, the *Shadow Trade Secretary, said* at the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool: "The *Government* is having to clear up a mess of its own creation.

"It was happy enough to see the Kuwaiti involvement when the priority was to remedy a *privatization fiasco*. It has now reacted in such a way as to create a £1.5 billion *overhang in the* market for BP stock."

Conservative *MPs* last night regarded the Government decision as "inevitable" but there was anxiety that Lord Young's announcement could signal to foreign investors that Britain did not welcome foreign capital.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said it had not been a good idea to allow Kuwait to build up such a sizeable stake.

Victim's father gets defiant driver jailed

A driver who defied a court ban for causing a boy's death was jailed yesterday after a court was told of photographs and film of his driving taken *by the victim's father*, who tracked him for two years.

The campaign by Mr Ber*nard Proctor*, aged 66, was praised by Mr Justice Farquharson, who sentenced Gordon Stratton, aged 29, to nine months' jail and banned him *for driving for another six* months. Mr Proctor, whose son Timothy, aged 14, was *killed by Stratton in 1982*, said outside Croydon Crown Court, south London, he intended *to campaign for increased* penalties.

Mr Proctor recorded 14 sitings of Stratton driving. When the police were reluctant to use his evidence Mr Proctor took the case to the Crown Prosecution Service.

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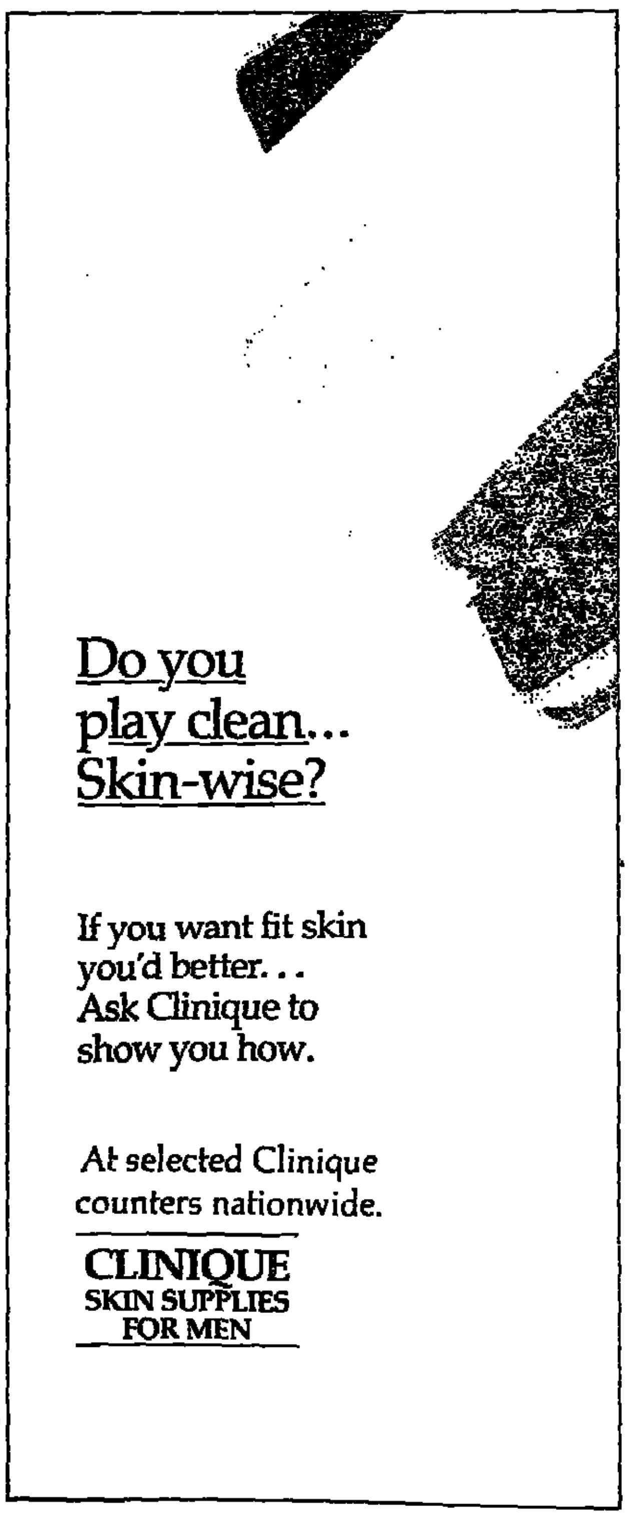

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Once again the Mini escapes executioner's axe

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Reports of the death *of the Mini* are much exaggerated, in the best tradition of Mark Twain, and it appears that *the car has once more* defied those who would wave it into the history books.

Austin Rover's plans to kill the Mini off within two years have reputedly been dropped, and the *Mini, launched on* August 26 1959, could still be with us in 1993.

The innovative legacy of Sir Alec Issigonis, who *died on* Monday, *has* looked its executioner in the face more than once. The last Austin Rover *management* reasoned in the most recent case that European legislation against sharp outside edges on cars — because those could injure pedestrians — would surely finish the *Mini off.That* seemed little justification for not advertising or properly marketing the little machine for five years. Most *motorists* believed it was no longer possible *to buy a new Mini*, such was the neglect. Mr Graham Day asked motorists what they thought of the *Mini* when *he joined Rover in* 1986.

The Mini, ready to run about for several years to come

A car of such character, bearing so many memories of the "Swinging Sixties" yet with a practicality unrivalled by newer models, could not fail to be given the thumbs-up by the British.

That led to advertising with the slogan :"Minis have feelings too ! " It worked. Production in 1987 improved to 37,210 from 33,720, a performance not to be decried for a car 28 years old.

Officially the company says of the Mini's future: "We will continue to make and sell the Mini as long as it is *commercially* viable". It is *making* money for the first time in its life, though not very much.

The Longbridge factory in Birmingham has made 5,097,669 Minis. The French have bought more than 5,000 this year. *In Japan* the Mini is known as an "original".

Exhaust emission legislation and the need to be able to run on unleaded petrol by 1990 have always been the biggest threats to the Mini.

The Mini is likely to be made "*clean*" *to keep it alive on* the Continent, and once "clean" it can survive until 1993 when very stringent *emission* legislation *is expected* to bring the Mini's 34-year career tc an end. That is of course unless motorists want to keep buying it.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Russian doctor to operate in Britain

A professor at Birmingham University is to be one of up to 12 health service patients to undergo a controversial operation by a leading Soviet eye surgeon to correct short sightedness.

Professor Tony Briggs, head of the Russian department at the university, agreed to the operation after meeting Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov during a Russian goodwill festival in the city. He said: "I am delighted to have this operation and I am not at all nervous." Professor Fyodorov, director of the Moscow Eye Clinic, will carry out the operations at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham.

His technique, Radialkeratotomy, involves making fine cuts across the lens of the eye, "like slicing a cake", to bring it into focus. The refractive technique has restored full sight to thousands of soviet citizens but it is not universally accepted in this country.

Victory for artists

Abstract artists yesterday won two of the most prestige competitions in the art world's calendar. At the Barbican Centre, London, Mr Bob Geldof, the musician, presented a £25,000 cheque to Miss Jennifer Durrant, winner of the 1988 Athena Arts Awards. Miss Durrant has been described as "a champion of serious abstract art". In a separate ceremony at the Royal College of Art, London, the Barclays Bank Young Painter award, worth £10,000, was won by Mr Mark Foulds, of Brixton, south London.

Football violence

Forty-six Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters arrested after a West Midlands police dawn swoop, admitted at Wolverhampton Crown Court yesterday being involved in football violence. The supporters, among 68 picked up by police last March have admitted charges ranging from violent disorder, affray, assault and burglary. The offences took place at matches played at Crewe, Bradford, Cardiff, Scunthorpe, Exeter and Molineux. The 22 other supporters have denied similar charges and will stand trial.

Esperanto package

After almost a century in the education wilderness Esperanto has found a new weapon in its fight for recognition – the Lancashire resort of Morecambe. The Esperanto Teachers' Association is offering teachers a free weekend in Morecambe to tempt them into discovering the educational value of the language. The association wishes to interest teachers in advance of the National Curriculum which will make the study of a foreign language compulsory for all state school pupils up to the age of 16.

Soldiers questioned

Three British soldiers were released yesterday after being questioned about an alleged assault on members of the Radio Telefis Eireann television concert orchestra at an hotel in Omagh, Co Tyrone, at the weekend. Hotel staff said: "Three soldiers came in looking for a drink and were told they couldn't have one because the bar was closed. They just started to hit members of the orchestra and a man from the BBC." RTE said that the two orchestra members who were attacked were in a state of shock.

Boy killed by missile

Police issued a bonfire night warning yesterday after a schoolboy was fatally injured when a home made missile exploded. Royston Cox, aged 15, of Napton Road, Stockton, near Southam, died in Warwick General Hospital after the missile blew up as he and a school friend played with it in a deserted timberyard near Long Itchington, Southam, Warwickshire, on Monday night. Royston's friend, aged 16, who has not been named, was slightly injured. Police are to submit a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Ulster acknowledges its bleakest anniversary

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Northern Ireland has been reviewing its past 20 years of history this week through an orgy of press coverage marking the anniversary of the start of civil rights agitation in the province.

Many of the key participants in the political turmoil of 1968 have proffered their assessment of the civil marches. In most cases little seems to have changed.

Mr William Craig, the Stormont minister in charge of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1968 and the man many blame for the violent outcome of the October 5 march in Londonderry that triggered a spiral of violence, still believes that the civil rights movement was just a vehicle for the IRA.

The Republicans still believe the agitation showed that Northern Ireland was "irreformable" and only violent rebellion to remove the British and to unite Ireland would do. They also reject the suggestion that irresponsible Green and left-wing elements eventually hijacked the civil rights movement for their own revolutionary purposes. Few of the participants register any doubts about their roles in the agitation. In a sea of intemperance, only a few islands protrude.

October 5, 1968: Civil rights demonstrators clash in Londonderry.

Mr Fred Heatley, the treasurer of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, the umbrella organization of the 1968-1969 agitation, says: "The tumour of discrimination had to be removed, but was it worth the agony?" The civil rights campaigners who prepared to march 20 years ago today were a motley crew — students from Queen's inspired by the actions of their counterparts in Paris and London and 57 varieties at least of left-wingers.

In the background were the old IRA men, wondering why their violent 1950s border campaign had not frightened the Unionist government to the same extent.

On the morning of October 5, 1968, the demonstrators who gathered outside the railway station in the mainly Protestant Waterside part of Londonderry knew of the ban that William Craig had imposed on the march but did not expect the trouble that ensued. There had already been a march on August 24 from Coalisland to Dungannon, which, in spite of a "loyalist" counter-demonstration and a ban on a rally in the Market Square of Dungannon, had passed off peacefully.

The RUC's reaction in Londonderry took everyone by surprise. Television pictures of policemen batoning demonstrators startled mainland Britain.

The civil rights campaign took on a much more nationalist hue and the floodgates of Protestant fear and Roman Catholic anger were unleashed. What control the Northern Irish Civil Rights Association had was soon lost.

Captain Terence O'Neill, the Stormont Prime Minister, found his efforts to concede some political and social reforms undermined by his colleagues.

After the Siege of Bogside in Londonderry in August 1969, British troops were sent in and the IRA re-emerged as a force.

Now, 2,700 deaths later, the divide between the two communities seems as wide as ever.

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Sir John Hermon, the RUC Chief Constable, announced yesterday that he will retire at the end of next May.

Sir John, who joined the RUC in 1950 and rose through the ranks, was appointed Chief Constable in January 1980 after the promotion of Sir Kenneth Newman to Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

A spokesman for the Northern Ireland police authority said: 'Sir John has served with distinction in one of the most onerous police jobs in the UK. Under his leadership the force has made great strides in the face of a ruthless and unrelenting terrorist campaign".

Russian eyes trained on volunteers in war exercise

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Four senior Soviet officers flew in from Moscow at 6am today to see how the Territorial Army will deal with their Spetsnaz commandos during a war scenario created for Exercise Drake's Drum, a home defence operation.

The Soviet Union sent a request to the Foreign Office on Monday evening to study the exercise under the terms of the Stockholm Document of September 1986. That allows signatories to make challenge inspections to ensure the agreement is honoured.

The Russians have not before exercised their right to demand a spot check on a British military operation. In November 1987, a team of Warsaw Pact observers watched Exercise Purple Warrior in Scotland but they had been invited because the event involved more than 13,000 troops, the level at which a signatory of the Stockholm Document is obliged to issue a formal notification.

Exercise Drake's Drum involves 4,400 troops, of which 2,300 are Territorial Army, Home Defence Force units and reservists. The exercise, in seven counties of south-west England, will test the ability of troops to defend key installations against espionage, subversion and sabotage by enemy special forces.

The special forces in question are the Spetsnaz, which compare in training and expertise to the SAS.

The four Soviet officers will be put up at Bulford Army Camp in Wiltshire. They will have to specify what they want to see. Sources last night said it was not clear why the Soviet Union had decided to choose Exercise Drake's Drum for a challenge inspection.

The Ministry of Defence said: "The United Kingdom, while accepting the right to request an inspection, is acting in full compliance with the provisions of the Stockholm Document. Any doubts that the Soviet Union may have are without foundation."

Under the agreement, reached by the 35-nation Stockholm Conference, Britain must provide facilities for a challenge inspection within 36 hours of a request being made.

Exercise Drake's Drum is part of a series of nine autumn exercises to test Britain's defences. Exercises Autumn Tiger, Eastern Shield, Strong Link and Northern Crusade have already been held.

Drake's Drum began on October 1 and will finish on Sunday. The last in the series will be Exercise Bonnie Dundee, which ends on November 2.

The Soviet inspectors wil be given the chance to watch Territorial Army elements from the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, 37 Signal Regiment, 6th Battalion Light Infantry, the 4th Battalion Devonshire and Dorset Regiment and 302 (Home Defence Force) Squadron of the Royal Corps of Transport in action against the imaginary Spestnaz.

Regular Army units involved will be the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales and the 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Since the Stockholm agreement, Britain has carried out two challenge inspections.

Prison officer killed by IRA car bomb

A sheet covers the body of Mr Brian Armour, after an IRA bomb blew his car across a road (Photograph: Crispin Rodwell).

By Our Irish Affairs Correspondent

The vice-chairman of the Prison Officers' Association in Northern Ireland was killed in east Belfast yesterday when the IRA booby-trapped his car.

Mr Brian Armour died a few minutes after the bomb went off under his Austin Montego, hurling it 50 yards across the road on to wasteland.

A few hours later a second car bomb exploded near the former Midland Hotel in central Belfast. A woman suffering from shock was taken to hospital. Police were clearing the area before the bomb, 500lbs of home-made explosive, detonated after a 30-minute warning from the IRA.

Security forces expect more IRA car bombs and attacks this week. They believe that the IRA is determined to mount a show of strength after last week's Gibraltar inquest found that three IRA terrorists had been lawfully killed by the SAS.

Mr Armour's murder is a serious blow to security arrangements in Northern Ireland and is likely to lead to a further review of the personal safety of prison officers and Civil Servants.

The IRA claimed responsibility. In a statement it said that it had originally attached 2lbs of Semtex, the plastic explosive, to Mr Armour's car but it failed to detonate. Later, it added a further half-a-pound of Semtex and a new triggering device.

The IRA said it killed Mr Armour because he had "organized acts of brutality against prisoners in the Maze

The bomb exploded shortly after midday as the prison officer was driving his car down Abetta Parade in Protestant east Belfast. An elderly woman passer-by had a narrow escape as wreckage flew through the air.

Sweden and USSR in first round chess lead

Ulf Andersson of Sweden and Alexander Belyavsky of the Soviet Union were in the lead with one point each at the end of the first round of the World Cup chess series' third tournament in Reykjavik on Monday.

Andersson beat Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union and Belyavsky beat Mergeir Petursson of Iceland.

Gary Kasparov, of the Soviet Union, the world champion, drew with Artur Yusupov, also of the Soviet Union.

The six tournaments spread over two years are worth a total of 1.2 million dollars.

The other first round results of the third World Cup tournament were:

Jon Speelman, England, drew with Johann Hjartarson, Iceland; Jan Timman, The Netherlands, drew with Boris Spassky, France; Gyula Sax, Hungary, drew with John Nunn, England. Jaan Ehlvest, Soviet Union, drew with Viktor Korchnoi, Switzerland. Predrag Nikolic, Yugoslavia, drew with Mikhail Tal, Soviet Union. Zoltan Ribli, Hungary, drew with Lajos Portisch, Hungary.

Strangeways staff lift ban after riot

By Ian Smith

Officers at Strangeways prison in Manchester partially lifted a five-week ban on prisoners' admission yesterday after widespread rioting followed a mass breakout in cells at the city's central detention centre above the Crown Court.

Anxious to end their impasse with the prisons department at the Home Office, the Prison Officers' Association offered to re-open the doors of the prison to leaders of the violent protest.

Police reinforcements rushed to the cells on the seventh floor after nearly 100 remand prisoners went on the rampage. Furniture was smashed and ceiling tiles torn down for more than an hour before peace was restored.

Five days earlier, 11 men dug their way to freedom by chipping through a cell wall into an adjoining room, reaching the ground floor and smashing a computer room window. None has yet been recaptured.

Mr Fred Wright, chairman of the association at Strangeways, said his members were increasingly concerned about problems at the jail which they blamed on Home Office intransigence.

Last night, 577 men who would normally have been sent to Strangeways were held in police cells throughout Greater Manchester.

The association, Mr Wright said, was willing to compromise over the number of inmates held in the jail.

Officials of the north-west prisons department are demanding less fewer than 500 staff supervise 1,650 inmates although the agreed normal occupancy is 960. Industrial action at the jail came after a frightening confrontation with nearly 200 prisoners which ended only when other inmates interceded.

"Our men were terrified because they saw uncontrollable danger staring them in the face. We had to do something about it or face the terrifyingly real possibility of rioting, the likes of which this country has never seen before", Mr Wright said.

"The last thing we want is to blackmail or threaten the Home Office. We are proud of the work we do and believe in Fresh Start. However, the Home Office must accept the need for more staff because we cannot continue bending over backwards to suit their every whim", he said.

Share the earth.

In Mindanao in the Philippines, the tribal people whose ancestors grew maize on the hillsides, believe land is a gift of God to human beings.

They cannot understand why they were displaced by settlers who gave them beads and axes to "borrow" their land.

Christian Aid is giving funds to a villagers' organisation that is working for the return of their land.

In southern Ethiopia, Christian Aid is helping 550 families return to farming by providing oxen on credit and new drought-resistant and early-maturing seed.

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Fresh conflict on nurses' pay scales

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Goverment's proposals to introduce geographical variation and local flexibility into nurses' pay were heavily criticized by the Royal College of Nursing last night. It said the move would jeopardize the new clinical grading structures.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday that the Government was now determined to introduce nationally-set geographical pay, supplemented by discretionary payments by local managers. He was accused by health service unions of "playing with lighted matches while standing up to his ankles in petrol".

Publishing the Government's evidence to the nurses' pay review body, Mr Clarke said the next big step in nurses' pay was to reflect real earnings and cost of living differentials.

But he insisted that most nurses would need only modest pay increases next year in line with inflation. "After so much has been achieved in ending the era of exploited angels, nurses must not slip back, but this is not a year for a further great surge forward."

Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said that any attempt to impose another alteration of the pay structure "is to seek turbulence of a high order".

Mr Hector MacKenzie, general secretary of Cohse, Britain's biggest health union, said:

"What he seems to be proposing can only confuse and baffle. Kenneth Clarke reminds me of a man standing with petrol up to his ankles playing with matches."

GCHQ protest

Civil Servants vote on strike

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Unions representing almost 500,000 Civil Servants are to be balloted on taking strike action in protest against the Government's decision to dismiss or transfer the last 18 trade unionists at the GCHQ communications centre in Cheltenham.

Leaders of six unions who met yesterday to take the decision are confident of support for the strike which would affect all Whitehall administration from the prison service to unemployment benefit offices.

The unions believe a strike would be lawful, although a Whitehall source said last night it was not clear whether it would breach the law against secondary action.

Last night, Mr William McCall, general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants said: "People must have the right to belong to a trade union and to be represented by it".

Delegates to the Labour Party conference in Blackpool are expected today to debate an emergency resolution seeking to pledge the Labour Party to give full support to the protest by union members and "to consider what further action can be taken to save the employment of the trade union members concerned".

Although most union leaders are confident of a mandate for strike action, there must be some doubt over the backing the call will receive from the First Division Association which represents senior Civil Servants.

Last week's announcement of an October 14 deadline to end trade union membership at GCHQ led to immediate protest action by civil servants throughout the country.

Mr John Macreadie, deputy general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, Whitehall's biggest union, said: "There is tremendous anger and support for strike action. This must be just the beginning of a campaign to restore full union rights to people at GCHQ."

After the strike decision has been formally ratified tomorrow at a full meeting of the Council of Civil Service Unions, Sir Robin Butler, head of the Civil Service will be informed.

Because of the balloting procedure, it would take four or five weeks for a strike to be organized.

Last night, Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said the TUC would work closely with the Council of Civil Service Unions to ensure an effective response "to this latest act of bullying".

Political TV adverts 'soon'

British television could soon start broadcasting American-style political advertising, according to Mr Paul Fox, managing director of BBC Network Television.

He told the Broadcasting Press Guild yesterday that big changes in television would happen less swiftly than predicted, and satellite channels would not spread as quickly as their owners hoped, but political advertising was likely, particularly when Parliament started to be televised and party political broadcasts between elections came to an end.

"As the new television bosses will not be controlled by the IBA or its successor body, we will see paid-for political advertisements coming to this country as they have to the US", he said.

The BBC would not accept political advertising, nor would it take the initiative in bringing party political broadcasts to an end. "To package politicians like a commercial for Lucozade or soap powder is not very dignified", he said.

In a reference to violence on television, Mr Fox, who rejoined the BBC earlier this year from Yorkshire TV, said that the Prince of Wales was right when he recently voiced concern about violent programmes. However, the BBC's own guidelines had been reviewed in the past 10 days and found to be adequate.

● The Prince of Wales is to present a BBC television documentary dealing with his views on modern architecture. The BBC says the programme, which will go out in the Omnibus slot on BBC 1 on October 28, is the first to be written and presented by a member of the Royal Family.

The Prince will look at plans for the redevelopment of three sites in London, and at community architecture and inner city planning.

Apology to Crosby doctors

Times Newspapers yesterday apologized in the High Court to three Crosby doctors and a Crosby chemist over an agency report that appeared in The Times, and other newspapers, in February 1982. The article reported that the Merseyside Commercial Branch was investigating allegations of a large scale health service swindle on Merseyside.

The Times did not name the doctors or chemist but on the same day a Liverpool radio station named the practice as that of Dr Ivor Hughes in Crosby Road North and the chemist as Mr Gordon Short of Crosby, thus identifying the doctors and chemist to readers of The Times who heard the broadcast.

Announcing settlement of the libel action, Mr John Previte for the plaintiffs told Mr Justice Leonard that the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions had written to the doctors' solicitor in October 1982 stating that there was no evidence that any criminal offences had been committed by the doctors and the chemist. The suggestion that the plaintiffs were involved in a swindle was totally inaccurate. Miss Jeanette McLoughlin for The Times said the newspaper deeply regretted any embarrassment or distress caused to the plaintiffs by the article following the broadcast.

Father spent years tracking driver who killed his son

By Mark Ellis

A father turned private detective to trap on film the man who knocked down and killed his son in 1982, driving from public houses while disqualified.

His photographs and video film were used in evidence against Gordon Stratton, aged 29, a pebble-dasher, of Taverstock Road, Carshalton, south-west London, who admitted driving while banned and was jailed for nine months at Croydon Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Farquharson told Stratton: "What is particularly distressing is that, having caused the death of a young boy, one would have thought you would have been particularly careful in not getting involved in driving offences again.

"You have not only driven while disqualified but also while totally unfit to do so. Can you imagine what effect that must have had on the family of the child you killed?".

Mr Bernard Proctor, aged 66, of Bramcote Avenue, Mitcham, south-west London, spent nearly two years trailing Stratton from his home to public houses near by. Mr Proctor began his campaign within months of Stratton's release from prison in June 1984 after being sentenced to nine months' jail after his conviction of causing the death of Timothy Proctor, aged 14, by reckless driving.

Stratton was disqualified from driving for four and a half years. He was again banned in 1985 for being unfit through drink. Mr Proctor was told Stratton had crashed into a family friend's car on a public house car park and while the Proctors were out shopping they saw Stratton driving to a public house.

"I knew the police would not do anything unless they had something cast-iron", Mr Proctor said.

He bought a van and fitted a video camera with a lens hidden behind cardboard slits and followed Stratton from his home to public houses and back often lying in wait until 2am.

"I knew he was out drinking and driving many times. He used local pubs for three or four hours swilling pints and then would drive home.

"It was never easy to get a picture, the windows sometimes steamed up or there was a risk of being seen. I could never go to the pubs in case I was recognized.

"My wife, Pamela, has been behind me all the way as she was devastated by Tim's death. She did a lot of the ground work, tracing his address when he moved and noting registration numbers of the vehicles he used."

The judge told Stratton, who was also banned for a year and ordered to pay £230 costs, that he was keeping the period of disqualification to just 12 months because he understood the difficulties he might have running his business without transport.

Mr Proctor, who sat through the hearing, said: "He should have got 10 years. The law should be changed. People like that should never be allowed at the wheel of a car again."

He said at first the police were reluctant to take up his evidence, but he approached the Crown Prosecution Service, which picked out two photographs and two short clips of video film.

"The police soon came back to me and said I would be their main witness."

His son was killed as he returned home from a friend's house and was pushing his bicycle along the central refuge of a dual carriage in Mitcham and was hit by Stratton's car.

Hospital chief abused boys

By Ian Smith

A nursing director involved in planning Britain's first specialist child abuse centre was jailed for two years yesterday after admitting indecently assaulting two boy patients, both aged 13.

The children were at Booth Hall Hospital, Manchester, when the offences took place in the office of Phillip Donnelly, aged 37. Two years earlier he had won a national award for an efficiency survey he undertook at the hospital.

At least one of the offences occurred while he was acting unit general manager in charge of the children's hospital.

Donnelly pleaded guilty at Manchester Crown Court to four offences of indecent assault against the two youngsters. Imposing sentence Mr Justice Rose asked: "If children are not safe from molestation in a children's hospital where can they be safe?"

The father of two, of Heatwood Close, Blackburn, Lancashire, was trapped on film committing the offences when police set up a hidden video camera after an allegation from one victim.

After being assaulted by another man the child, from a local authority home, was seen by police and told them of the assault to which he had been subjected by Donnelly.

Mr Terrance Rigby, for the prosecution, said the first of the four charges involved a boy on crutches who had been a patient at the hospital earlier this year and who had been visited on a ward by Donnelly.

The nursing director had also taken him for coffee and invited him to his office. The boy's mother had sought advice from a nursing sister and been assured that Donnelly "was a very nice man".

Mr Ray Bennett, for the defence, said his client was in the final year of a degree course and had the job as the hospital unit acting general manager thrust on him.

Donnelly was suspended immediately the offences were bought to the attention of the area health authority on June 20.

The simple spring lines

The Versace Milan look — a softly swathed off-the-shoulder mini dress and a loose chiffon embroidered top with a front-buttoned skirt belted on the hips (Photographs: John Rogers).

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

After the extravagance of frills, frou-frous and the puff balls of the last few seasons, a simpler look is blossoming at the Milan spring/summer ready-to-wear collections this week.

The classic Italian tailored look, which never left the catwalks, has been softened by the combination of short structured jackets with gauzy chiffons and silks.

Indian sari embroideries and brightly coloured tropical prints are much in evidence with the psychedelia and the ethnic feel of the hippy era cropping up in many collections. But unlike the original sixties' flowing kaftans and smocks jackets are sharp, short and snappy.

Gone, too, are the faded colours of the sixties. Instead the flavour is spicy, citrus and tropical updating the ethnic look.

With no definitive skirt length in evidence, everything from the most daring mini to flowing ankle length is parading down the catwalks. Trousers are still important.

Gianni Versace, who was one of the first designers to show, is known for the flamboyance of his clothes but this season he has controlled his wilder, more exuberant, tendencies to produce a sophisticated collection of separates.

Versace's colours are bold with citrus green, orange and yellow shown in contrast with black or cream.

Price tag fears bring call for tighter laws

By Andrew Morgan

Legislation to have items price-marked individually where shops use the bar code payment system was called for last night after it emerged that overcharging is widespread at do-it-yourself stores.

The plea came from a senior trading standards officer.

Three DIY stores in Birmingham are being investigated for possible over-charging on the computerized barcode Epos, or electronic point of sale, system.

Mr Harry Holding, a member of the council of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, called for an order under the Prices Act to protect the consumer.

Mr Holding, head of consumer protection for Birmingham City Council, added: "Nearly all the problems have been with prices being marked up and very few down. It is the recipe for a huge consumer rip-off. We want legislation before Christmas."

There have been fines in connection with overcharging in the past.

WH Smith Do-It-All, with 106 stores each stocking about 23,000 items, was fined a total of £1,679 last June after three Birmingham branches were found to be overcharging. On that occasion officers bought a pickaxe handle at the Yardley branch of WH Smith Do-It-All for £8.99 when it had a shelf price of £4.75, or an 89 per cent overcharge. A security lock with a price of £21.25 cost £29.99.

Texas Homecare was fined more than £1,000 last October on seven charges at its store in Cheltenham, with the biggest overcharge £20 for an aluminium window. Counsel for Texas said at the hearing that the company was going to install a new system.

Mrs Avril Townshend, secretary of the National Federation of Consumer Groups said: "We are appalled by this evidence of the lack of adequate control over prices charged at the checkout".

Mr Derek Prentice, head of campaigning for the Consumers' Association, said that his group supported bar coding because it made errors at the till less likely.

Stores blame special offers and staff error

By Ruth Gledhill

Human error was yesterday blamed for overcharging by do-it-yourself superstores using bar coding.

The Times was undercharged by 50p for an umbrella plant, bought at Texas Homecare in Hounslow. Another customer complained to the management after he was overcharged by 20p, also for a plant.

Texas denied that it had been deliberately overcharging and undercharging customers.

A spokesman said: "All retailers using the bar code system face problems with pricing particularly if a product is on special offer where the shelf edge label, due to human error, is not changed and therefore the bar code read at the till shows a different price.

"It is a manual problem of which Texas is aware and making every attempt to rectify. As company policy, if any customer sees a price differential or error Texas will immediately refund the difference. Texas is a responsible company and all such errors are inadvertent."

Of the 10 items I bought in Texas Homecare, only two were individually priced. The prices of the others were marked on tags attached to the shelves and display counters.

I was undercharged on one of the priced items. On the others, by the time I reached the checkout I had forgotten the individual prices.

That was a quiet day, with virtually no other customers in the store to distract me.

It required a further walk around to ensure I had been accurately charged. The alternative would have been to note individual prices while making my choice.

Woman is crushed by ferry deck

By David Sapsted

Investigations began yesterday into the death of a woman crushed between car decks on a Channel ferry.

Mrs Margaret Barker, aged 42, died at Sheerness, Kent, where she was trapped between decks in the Olau Britannia after it had docked on a trip from Vlissingen, Holland.

According to Kent police, Mrs Barker had apparently entered the mezzanine deck where the car in which she had been travelling had been.

The deck, already cleared of vehicles, was raised to within five inches of the deck above to allow large vehicles on the cargo floor below to disembark.

Kent police, the Health and Safety Executive and the Olau Line yesterday launched separate investigations into the accident. The crucial question was how Mrs Barker got on to the deck.

● An Anglo-French evacuation exercise on board a cross-Channel ferry yesterday was dismissed as "irrelevant".

The exercise, designed to test emergency procedures introduced after the Zeebrugge disaster last year, involved taking off in mid-Channel 140 people from the SNCF ferry, Champs Elysees.

However, Mr Maurice de Rohan, chairman of the Herald Families' Association, who lost his daughter and son-in-law among the 193 who died on board the Herald of Free Enterprise, described the exercise as "virtually a waste of time". He said: "What Zeebrugge and the European Gateway accident showed was that these ferries are inherently unsafe".

Customs' report

Cocaine threat on increase

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A customs and excise report gave a warning yesterday that means must be found to combat increasingly sophisticated methods of drugs smuggling, with the street value of seizures last year more than doubling to £161.7 million. The annual report described cocaine smuggling as "an increasing threat".

A record amount of high-grade cocaine was seized last year, nearly four times the 1986-87 total, and seizures of heroin rose by 30 per cent. There was also a significant increase in the number of large seizures of heroin concealed in freight. Seizures of cannabis were up by 16 per cent, but those of amphetamine sulphate were down by 83 per cent.

Customs and excise believes that the fall in amphetamine seizures may be due to more of the drug being manufactured in clandestine laboratories in the UK.

Significant proportions of drugs seized originate in, or are routed through, other EEC countries, the report says. "Virtually all amphetamines reach us from other member states, as do sizeable quantities of heroin and cocaine and roughly three quarters of the cannabis resin.

"It is now common practice for drugs smugglers to try to evade our controls by consigning drugs via another EEC member state instead of direct from a source country, eg, from South America via Spain.

"Importations into the UK through other EEC countries will therefore continue to need significant preventive and investigation effort, even beyond the end of 1992."

The report says that while large seizures of heroin concealed in freight had increased, the detection of couriers concealing heroin internally — for example by swallowing it in a condom — had not continued at the previous high level.

Although the total estimated street value of drugs seized was up, the total number of arrests and seizures fell. There were 2,201 arrests in 1987-88, compared with 2,516 the year before; and 5,241 seizures (5,564).

Revenue net receipts rose by 4.7 per cent ahead of inflation, boosting government income by £1.973 billion. VAT receipts, at £24.129 billion, were 8.5 per cent ahead of inflation.

79th Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31 March, 1988 (Stationery Office; £8.60)

Manchester's poor image

By a Staff Reporter

Poverty is increasing alarmingly in the industrial North's capital, in spite of the Government's boasts of a booming economy and new-found wealth, a survey shows.

Nearly half Manchester's 450,000 population cannot afford even one week's holiday a year; about 30,000 live in inadequately heated homes; 10 per cent of households lack such necessities as beds and coats; and one in five households cannot afford a weekly joint of meat.

The survey, entitled *Poverty in Manchester*, was undertaken by independent interviewers on behalf of the city council among a representative 1,000 cross-section of Manchester's population.

The council said the results were an "obscene" example of the widening gulf between the country's rich and poor.

Mr Sam Darby, chairman of the city council's anti-poverty sub-committee, said the report confirmed that material standards in Manchester homes were generally far lower than in the rest of the country.

Although he denied any attempt by the left wing dominated authority to score political points, he believed the survey could prove an embarrassment to the Government.

"There are more poor people in Manchester than there have been for many years", he said, "and the gap between the rich and poor everywhere is increasing alarmingly."

Contributing to the slide in the city's fortunes were cuts of £669 million in rate support grants and £222 million in housing subsidies since the Tories won power, he said.

Vicars admit offences against boys

By David Sapsted

Two Church of England vicars, an altar boy, a choirmaster and a convicted child molester pleaded guilty at Winchester Crown Court yesterday to a string of homosexual offences against young boys, one aged only seven.

The five — one of whom told a young victim that God had brought them together — will be sentenced today; if the clergymen receive custodial sentences they will be defrocked automatically under the Location of Benefices Measure. The court was told that the case would end their careers as priests.

Appearing in court were the Rev Dennis Allison, aged 58, of St Peter and St Paul church, Wymering, Portsmouth, Hampshire; the Rev James Bent, aged 57, of St James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool; Stuart Eager, aged 39, solicitor and choirmaster at St Peter and St Paul, from East Lodge Park, Farlington, Portsmouth; Raymond Fullalove, aged 42, of Bowler Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth; and Gary Clough, altar boy and server, aged 25, of London Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth.

Allison admitted seven indecent assaults, Bent and Eager two indecent assaults, Fullalove two offences of indecency, one of gross indecency, one indecent assault and one offence of taking an indecent photograph, and Clough two offences of gross indecency and three indecent assaults.

The court was told how the five took part in homosexual acts with the boys aged between seven and 13 during church outings and visits to YMCA youth hostels between 1981-87.

Mr Nicholas Atkinson, for the prosecution, accepted nine not guilty pleas to other charges and told Mr Justice Thomas that Fullalove had been released from a three-year prison sentence for indecent assaults on boys only in 1987.

The court was told that the sex ring' developed around Allison who, with his wife, acted as foster parents to two boys.

Mr Justice Thomas heard that the children were told never to say a word to anyone and, when arrested, Allison initially claimed to be surprised at the allegations.

Mr Justice Thomas remanded all five in custody until today when he will pass sentence.

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Vice Chancellors' report reveals how much universities spend on educating their students

Cambridge top in undergraduate success rate

By Sam Kiley
Universities Reporter

Cambridge is the most successful university at getting students through their exams, according to the most comprehensive analysis of nationwide statistics yet published.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals and the University Grants Committee combined to produce *University Management Statistics and Performance Indicators in the UK*, which reveals that out of a sample of seven subjects selected by *The Times*, Cambridge emerges in pole position in four and second in one. Stirling comes out in second position, with two first places.

The subjects were: medicine, biological sciences, engineering and technology, business studies, languages, the humanities, and education. Cambridge came out first in medicine, biological sciences, languages and education, and second in engineering and technology.

The highest level of spending on students by universities is in medicine at Oxford, where £12,350 is spent on educating an undergraduate, *compared with the national* average of £7,190. Cambridge spends £9,670 and the university which spends the least is Liverpool, where students are educated for just £4,700 per year.

Information about the relative costs of educating students will add grist to the mill of the increasing number of vice chancellors who believe that costs should be fully covered by a voucher and possibly by parental contributions, which would give an increased role for market forces in the funding of courses.

However, Dr Ewan Page, vice chancellor of Reading University and chairman of the committee which produced the report, warned that the statistics in the 337-page document are "an aid, not a substitute for judgement about the effective running of an institution".

"Uncritical use of these statistics may seriously damage the health of the universities", he added.

In biological sciences, Aston University offers the cheapest education, at £3,000 — compared with the average of £4,730 — and Hull the most expensive, with biologists costing £7,800 to teach.

However the report warns that the statistics in themselves should not be looked upon as the last word in the matter. The high cost of education may be a reflection of a high level of endowment to the institution, high levels of research, or inconsistencies between the way universities actually do their books.

However in subjects like law where, although research or scholarship is pursued, high levels of capital investment are not needed, there is still a wide range in costs. Cambridge University, for example, spends £930 a year — compared with the national average of £1,440 — while Warwick spends £2,050 and Sussex £1,980.

The statistics on the ratio of teaching staff to students will be of particular interest to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, when he returns next week from a tour of the Soviet Union. Last week he reiterated his commitment to improving the standards of teaching in universities, at the annual gathering of the vice chancellors' committee.

"Effective teaching needs to be identified, highly prized, encouraged and rewarded", he said, and added that vice chancellors should consider allowing staff to concentrate either on research or teaching to improve the quality of both.

In medicine the ratio of students to staff is 4.3 : 1 at Cambridge — which has a 100 per cent pass rate in the subject and is top of the league — compared with Oxford, where the ratio is the most luxurious at 2.7 students for every tutor, but the university is eleventh in the league.

While the national average in medicine is 4.7 : 1, Aberdeen and Belfast (which is at No. 3 in the table) both have more than seven students to a tutor in that subject.

The least favourable teaching ratios are in law and accountancy, where 16.1 students are taught by each lecturer. The London School of Economics, at 24.5 : 1, offers the most unfavourable terms but is run a close second by Cambridge, at 24 : 1.

In accountancy, 23.3 students can expect to share their tutor at Hull and 20.2 at Glasgow.

University Management Statistics and Performance Indicators in the UK (Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals, 29 Tavistock Square, London WC1 9EZ; £20).

Grading:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Medicine:	*Cambridge*	*Southmptn*	*Leeds* UMIST Nottingham Cardiff *Heriot-Watt* Belfast	—	—	—	—	—	UWIST Aston	—
Biological Sciences	Cambridge	Cardiff	Bath Durham *Keele* Oxford Salford York *Glasgow*	—	—	—	—	—	—	Leeds Loughboro *Manchester* Nottingham
Engineering /Technology:	Stirling	Cambridge	Durham Nottingham	—	Leeds	Exeter Kent Oxford	—	—	Edinburgh Manchester	Birmingham Bristol Essex Loughboro Salford Southmptn Bangor Strathclyde
Business /Admin:	Manchester	Exeter	Sheffield	Hull Edinburgh	—	UMIST Aberystwyth	—	Cardiff Loughboro	—	Bath Bradford LSE Southmptn
Languages:	Bath Cambridge Leicester UMIST	—	—	—	Oxford Aberystwyth Glasgow	—	—	Aberdeen Loughboro	—	Bradford Durham Essex Hull Leeds Nottingham Sheffield York Cardiff
Humanities:	City	Aberystwyth	Cambridge Oxford	—	Exeter RHBNC	—	Dundee	Stirling Aberdeen York	—	—
Education:	Birmingham Cambridge Swansea Aberdeen Edinburgh Stirling	—	—	—	—	—	Loughboro Bangor	—	Ulster	Exeter

First-year students at the University of Southampton have been sleeping on common-room floors or share rooms with *friends* because a fellow student, and father of 12, refuses to leave a house set aside for their use.

The university authorities said that they have a possession order which comes into effect on Friday. If Mr Dannie Walter, aged 42, whose wife is pregnant, refuses to move out the authorities say they will apply for an eviction order.

Mr Walter won a place at the university to read philosophy as a mature student, and soon after asked to move his family into the 10-room house in the Glen Eyre complex for two weeks while he looked for accommodation elsewhere. He has since refused to pay the £190-a-week rent, or move out.

"*He has not registered for the course and has not attended any lectures.* In addition he has to pay the full fees of £578 and so far as we can tell he has no means", said Mr Mike Chaney, a university spokesman.

Science masters attack standards

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Chemistry masters from 18 public schools are to mount a joint attack on government policies for science teaching, calling for a return to traditional standards.

The 18, from such schools as Harrow, Rugby, Winchester and Shrewsbury, agreed at the weekend to write expressing their concern to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and senior Cabinet members.

Their attack will concentrate on the rise of "combined science" — in which traditional barriers between biology, chemistry and physics are broken down. The new subject is already being offered at GCSE.

Dr Peter Cattermole, head of science at Winchester College, said yesterday: "There is a regression to mediocrity which must be halted. At A level, vast tracts of knowledge are being cut out of syllabuses.

"There has been a great deal done in the interests of the less able under the mistaken belief that the more able can take care of themselves. If we are to have the scientists that our country needs we must stretch our best brains."

The letter will call for a guarantee that individual sciences continue to be taught, a change in emphasis in the way sciences are taught in state *schools to "stimulate gifted* children" and greater incentives to attract more science graduates into teaching.

Dr Cattermole said: "Unless urgent action is taken, I can see very little hope of improving the number of scientists in our country. We have a Prime Minister who is a chemist herself but who seems quite happy to preside over the death of her subject."

Last weekend's meeting was arranged under the auspices of the Rugby Group, a body set up 17 years ago to enable public schools to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The news of their decision came on the day after *The Times* disclosed mounting concern over cuts in the factual content of A level science courses to match the emphasis on practical skills in the new GCSE.

Dr Cattermole said Winchester was planning to switch its A level chemistry course from the University of London Schools Examination Board to the Joint Matriculation Board because the London board had cut the factual content of its syllabus. The JMB syllabus came under fire in *The Times* yesterday because the board said it had cut 10 per cent of the content.

Professor Sir Jack Lewis, professor of chemistry at Cambridge University, said he had studied chemistry teaching in state schools and was concerned about the gap in *teaching styles between the* new GCSE examination and more traditional A levels.

Young 'are ignorant of law's value in society'

By Our Education Reporter

The ignorance of young people about the values and purposes of our legal system is contributing to a national rise in lawlessness, the Lord Chancellor said yesterday.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern was speaking at the launch of teaching materials the Law Society helped to prepare for schools. He said pupils needed to be more aware of the role and importance of the law in shaping society.

Without a grasp of why the *law existed and how it operated* they could not become full members of society.

The teaching pack, *Understand the Law*, is for 14 to 17-year-olds and will be used by teachers who have no specialist knowledge of the law. Lord Mackay said: "We are *experiencing a rise in* lawlessness in Britain which is deeply perplexing". A big factor in that was "a general ignorance on the part of young people of the values and purposes of our legal system.

"What this project aims to do is to infuse throughout our education system that vital element of legal knowledge and understanding without which our young people cannot hope to take their place in society as active, positive members."

The *pioneering project* has been designed to slot into courses or as part of vocational training.

Academics will study women's committees

By Our Universities Reporter

Local councils are to be scrutinized by a team of academics from Sussex University who will examine the reasons why there is a gap *between the policy objectives* and the actual achievements of authorities.

The team, lead by Dr Simon Duncan and Miss Susan Halford, of the university's *centre for urban and regional* research, will take as their test case so-called "women's initiatives" which ostensibly set out to "achieve meaningful social change in their local areas".

"When women's committees were started by councils there was a good deal of hostile press debate, but no one actually knew how widespread they are and what they actually do on a daily basis", Miss Halford said.

She said that the team would investigate what women's committees set out to do and what resources are provided — as a paradigm of local government policy-making and implementation.

"There is anecdotal evidence that in some Labour councils, and even some in Tory areas, politicians have jumped on the bandwagon of 'women's issues' and then not actually done very much", she said.

"They have been criticized by feminists who say that they are guilty of 'tokenism', while others say the whole business is a waste of public money. It is clear that in many areas there is a lack of a clear political objective about what exactly the groups wish to achieve."

With a grant of £30,000 from the Economic and Research Council the team will study policies of Manchester and Birmingham councils.

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Victims paying for our defeat, says Kinnock

THE LEADER

Unless Labour got into Government they would be able to offer the people only sympathy but not hope, Mr Neil **Kinnock** told the conference in Blackpool yesterday.

The people wanted the party to develop policies that would *win them* power, enabling them to apply their principles of social justice and economic efficiency. "*I am heartily* sick of seeing the victims pay the price for our defeat", the Labour leader said.

Mr Kinnock received the loudest and longest standing ovation given to a Labour leader for many years.

He said that the leadership *election* had been an unnecessary distraction. But elections gave results and results gave mandates.

That mandate would be used, *democratically, for unity,* change and to do everything to achieve victory for the party and advance *for* the country.

"We are socialists. We are rationalists. ... We do not pretend that the world is as it is not. We have a dream, but we *are not dreamers.*"

There were those, like the present Government, who considered social justice an impediment to economic efficiency and some, including some in their movement, who considered economic efficiency a threat to *social justice.*

Both were wrong. "Sustained social justice depends upon a foundation of economic prosperity, and economic success cannot be *achieved without* social justice. Justice and efficiency. The two go together."

"If we want fairness and efficiency, we are going, for instance, to have to break *the* historic habit of regarding girls and women as second-class *citizens in so many spheres* of education and training and employment (applause).

"We are going to have to stop treating child-bearing and child-*rearing as a disqualification* from opportunities. We are going to have to stop treating the provision of *child* care as a privilege and a luxury and start treating it as a right and necessity (applause).

"Part-time workers must *have full-time rights.*"

Germany, Japan, France and Sweden had appreciated long ago that public and private sectors, government and market, had to work in combination if the strength of the economy was to be developed and potential *maximized.*

"It is that combination that works. We have to make it work for us."

That would be through social ownership in industry, great and small, through regulation to protect customers, the environment, the health and safety conditions of workers and, in *this* year of King's Cross, of the public.

They had to use strategic investment in training, science, research and development.

The Tories' preparation for the huge change arising from the completion of the European single market was pathetically inadequate.

"For the Tories, *the single* market is nothing more than a free capital market.

However, when Mrs Thatcher came to office, there was an £8 billion trading surplus with the EEC. Now, in the approach to single market completion, the deficit just with other European countries was £14 billion.

The Government resented and resisted the social *obligations* arising from the single market.

> **● I am heartily sick of meeting people in anguish and having nothing to offer but sympathy and solidarity when we should have the power to offer them real hope ●**

Mrs Thatcher's hostility to *the social dimension* disgusted even Conservatives in Europe. They should understand that the very idea of 'community' made her recoil.

Labour wanted Europe to be a community as well as a market. It wanted that market to work for people, not the other way round.

If social justice was not a central component in the single market then the fruits of economic efficiency would be scooped up by a few regions in a few countries. That would not be just and certainly not efficient. "It would be expensive, ugly, a constant source of waste and a constant source of tension between peoples."

Mrs Thatcher's speech last week showed that she was aroused to the environment. "It took a lot of people so much by surprise there was talk of administering a drugs test."

In her nine years in power hazardous waste imports had increased tenfold because British *standards of monitoring,* checking and storage were so low that British firms undercut firms in the rest of the Community.

When was the Prime Minister going to introduce regulations to stop the development sprawl in the South-east? Would she give councils new resources for urban improvement instead of *punishing them?*

Was she going to cancel water privatization? Surely no one so evangelical about the environment could hand over water to people who considered quality after profit (applause). Would she cancel electricity privati*zation?*

Without policies to create the wealth to create a fairer society, Britain would go further along the path towards a split society; towards a community divided into three unequal parts: a *small, opulent superclass;* a larger class living in reasonable affluence *subject* to economic *pressures; and a third underclass* of people in dire need.

"Our society is disfigured and endangered *by great poverty* — and to their credit, many who *are not poor* understand that. They understand, too, that a society with such great and *growing differences* in personal economic conditions is unlikely to be a society at peace with *itself. It is an insecure society.*"

The party wanted a leading role in nuclear disarmament, but that was possible only in government. The policy completed next year must be serious about nuclear disarmament and *defence,* so serious that they were capable of earning the democratic power to achieve both.

Some in the party said that they did not like the talk of *individualism.* To him there was *no test for progress* other than the impact on the individual.

"Let those who say that there is a collision between concern for the individual and commitment to collective provision understand that the whole purpose of such collective provision is the service, the safety, the care and *opportunity* of the individual (applause).

"For democratic socialists, collective provision is a means and not an end. The moment that the collective becomes an end in itself, a basic value is deserted."

Were those who said they had trouble with the idea of competitiveness so defeatist, short-sighted and lacking in convic*tion that* they believed the propaganda that they could get competitiveness only by getting rid of workers, shutting down, and pushing wages down?

It was not long before those making those arguments came to the accusation that the leader*ship was proposing to run the* capitalist economy better than the Tories.

Those who were afraid of developing alternatives that would gain the support of the people, those who said that they did not want victory at such a price, had to ask themselves: What price are they prepared to pay for losing and who is going to pay that price (applause)?

It was not the people in the hall or on the platform who *would* pay. It was the poor.

"I am heartily sick of meeting people in anguish and having nothing to offer them but sympathy and solidarity when we should have the *power* to give them real hope."

There were thousands of people telling them to get on with compiling their policies, which would win them power to build on their principles of social justice and plans for economic efficiency.

"I am certain, more certain now than I have ever been, that that is what the people of our party, the people who support our party and the people who want to support our party are looking to us for. Let's do it."

Mr Neil Kinnock presenting his wife, Glenys, with a rose after his conference speech (photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Minister 'has blood on hands'

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, was accused yesterday of having *"blood on his hands"* over the deaths of 168 workers on the Piper Alpha and Ocean Odyssey oil rigs.

Mr Roger Lyons, general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, and a member of the Burgoyne *inquiry* into rig safety, insisted that Mr Parkinson must take responsibility for the tragedies because he refused to heed *persistent warnings of inadequate* protection.

In 1980, a minority report from the inquiry demanded an independent safety inspectorate. It was followed in 1984 by a further report.

Mr Lyons said: "Since the *lessons of the* Burgoyne report were not taken then, this Conservative Government must take responsibility for not heeding its advice. Mr *Parkinson in my view* has blood on his hands."

His accusation came as Labour's national executive committee issued a statement in Blackpool demanding urgent changes in the law.

They are:

- ● *Better employee rights;*
- ● Bringing the industry under the Health and Safety Commission;
- ● A legal requirement for *survival training;*
- ● More and better trained safety inspectors;
- ● Siting of rescue ships within five miles of all installations.

More clout for unions

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Unions are planning to capitalize on Labour's cut-price membership scheme for trade unionists paying the political levy by exercising a greater deal of influence in the constituencies.

For the first time in the party's history, affiliated unions *will be in the unique position of* acting as recruiting sergeants, offering their members Labour Party membership at £5, half the national rate.

As unions target potential members, their aim is to fill the 40 per cent of delegates allocated *to them on every* general management committee.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union was one of the first unions to realize the disparity of cost in affiliating members at local level: just 3p, compared to the national affiliation fee of 75p.

Every one of the union's 330,000 *members contributes* 75p to the political levy, which gives the union a political fund *of £251,250. Only a third of the* union is affiliated to the national party, costing it £102,000.

As the 75p affiliation fee increases each year under the new rules, rising to £1.45 by 1991, the electricians' national affiliation to the party *will take* up a greater proportion of its political fund, restricting its freedom to back other political causes.

Mr John Spellar, the union's political officer, said yesterday that the union had not decided *whether it will be willing* to pay the increases demanded by the party to keep its national affiliation at its present level.

Over the next year it will *continue* to affiliate to regional Labour parties, allowing it to increase the number of delegates *it sends to the constituency* management committees by recruiting more EETPU members into *the* Labour Party through the cut-price membership scheme.

Mr Tom Burlinson, the GMB's northern official, newly *elected* to Labour's national executive, is planning to use the scheme to tackle the party's *anomaly in the northern* region of having 12,000 councillors but only 16,000 members.

"We will use our shop stewards, branch meetings and regional conferences to win over more Labour recruits, who in turn might be able to become active in constituency parties."

Mr Burlinson believes that an *influx* of engineers, home helps, bus drivers and shop workers will lead to a more broad-based membership in local parties, which could ultimately change the political complexion of constituencies dominated by small cliques of activists.

He is deeply critical of "invisible local parties" that appear to be "run by and for small inner *groups", often on the left of the* party, who put off ordinary members.

The National Union of Public Employees is to establish a pilot scheme when the new member*ship programme comes into* force in January.

Based on a MORI poll of what Nupe's members regard as the key political issues, the union will target potential groups of Labour members in different parts of the country.

*Mr Tom Sawyer, Nupe's dep*uty general secretary, said: "We have got to pitch our appeal to the ordinary member and *integrate* him or her into the political life of the party.

"By training 1,600 shop stewards, who will use videos and special recruitment pacts, we are confident that we can boost Labour Party membership at local level."

Budget 'is a Tory mockery'

ECONOMY

This year's Budget made a *mockery of the Tories' claim* to have created a self-help society, Mr John Smith, Labour spokes*man on Treasury and economic* affairs, told delegates.

"They had in truth been building a help-yourself society in which the rich help themselves and the poor carry the burden. It is tax cuts for the rich and benefit cuts for the poor," *he said.*

Opening the debate on economic equality, Mr Smith said that the Budget had been an outrage and was foolhardy.

It was outrageous that the top 1 per cent of people had received more in tax cuts (£2 billion worth) than the whole of the bottom 70 per cent. It was foolhardy because the money *had* been spent on imports, aggravating the trade deficit.

"Today we suffer an Administration which has done more than any other government in this century to widen the gap between the rich and poor."

Labour would replace standard rate income tax with a relevant rate, related to ability to pay. They would tackle the *menace* of low pay by introducing a statutory minimum wage to outlaw exploitation.

Miss Julie Reay, Kingston-on-Thames, moved a composite motion demanding a campaign against benefit cuts.

Miss Linley Park, Aberdeen South, *moved* a composite motion committing the next Labour government to increasing the old age pension.

Mrs Margaret Beckett, party spokesman on social security, said that only now were people becoming aware of what Tory *cuts in* pensions and benefits really meant. Far from targeting help to those in need, those in *need were the targets of the cuts.*

The conference carried both composite resolutions. Against the advice of the NEC, it also carried a third, reaffirming the party's commitment to a minimum wage but calling for legislation setting it at the equivalent of £135 a week today.

Business today

The conference will debate an emergency motion on union membership at GCHQ, black membership of the party, and policy documents on people at work and on consumers and the community. Delegates will also decide on rule changes relating to the voting in leadership elections and for delegates to the annual conference.

Non-payment policy rejected

POLL TAX

The Labour Party conference backed the leadership and overwhelmingly voted against an illegal policy of non-payment to counter the poll tax.

Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield, Brightside, for the *national* executive committee, was warmly applauded when, in summing up the debate, he said *that the only* way to get rid of the tax was to get rid of the Government.

"If we advocate something that we know will fail, the people will not turn on the Government. They will turn on us for misleading them."

Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, *moved the first* composite motion, which pledged full support for every legal effort to prevent the introduction *of* the poll tax.

It said: "While we respect the conscience of individuals who refuse to pay the poll tax and we recognize *the plight of those* who cannot pay, the conference resolves to refrain from advocating a campaign of *illegality,* that is, non-payment.

"We *firmly* believe that our future strategy be developed within the law and that the people *of* Britain be *given* responsible leadership by the party."

The motion called on the NEC to develop alternatives to the poll tax based *on ability* to pay, capital values of property and a local income tax.

Mr Davies said that the electorate had already made their attitude to *illegality clear* with a level of registration in Scotland of more than 90 per cent.

"We know illegality is power*less to beat the poll tax*", he said. "It is only through a vibrant mass campaign that the poll tax will be defeated."

The motion was seconded by **Mr Peter McNamara,** Cunninghame North, who said that, whether Labour liked it or not, *the* poll tax was legal. "The people of Scotland need a campaign of non-payment like *they need a hole in the head.*"

Mr James McVicar, Glasgow Shettleston, moved the second composite motion, *which* instructed Labour councils not to co-operate in the collection of the tax and called for a non-payment campaign in which Labour MPs would set the example.

The motion also rejected the proposal to replace poll tax with a combined local income tax and property tax.

Mr McVicar, *a Glasgow* councillor, said that the poll tax was the most regressive, anti-working-class law that any government had ever attempted to introduce. Irrespective of the conference decision, the working people of Scotland would defeat the poll tax and would not pay it.

Mr Donald Dewar, MP for *Glasgow Garscadden and* parliamentary spokesman on Scottish affairs, said that the Scottish party had decided conclusively and overwhelmingly against *non-payment* as tactically naive and, more important, wrong in principle.

The end product of non-payment would be bitterness and disunity. Labour councillors would be caught between party policy and their statutory duty. It would be more difficult for the Labour Party to argue for leniency for non-payers if the party had organized a campaign of non-payment.

"This is a party which aspires to government. Our aim is to be in *power* to redress the balance in the interests of ordinary people.

"*I don't believe* a party with that at the head of its list of priorities can afford to have selective amnesia about the *law* of the land." To do so would be to sacrifice Labour's credibility with the vast majority of the electorate even if it got cheers at some gatherings.

"If we go down the non-payment road we will let the Government off the hook because the issue will be the tactic and not the tax."

Mr Dennis Canavan, MP for Falkirk West, who has previously said that he will not pay the poll tax, said that he favoured a mass campaign of *non-payment.*

Last year the conference had been told that the only way to stop the poll tax was by conventional parliamentary oppo*sition. This year the conference* was told to wait until 1991 and the election of a Labour Government when the poll tax *would be replaced by two taxes.* Did anyone imagine that replacing one tax by two would be *electorally popular?* Many working people could not wait until 1991.

"The only way to stop the poll tax is if enough people stand up and say: We refuse to pay. Non-payment is the only weapon left in our armoury."

Six centuries ago the peasants' revolt had defeated the poll tax. "It would be tragic and ironic if *in the later part of the twentieth* century, when people are looking for leadership, the only *leadership on offer* was *one* which told them they had no option but to touch the forelock

"The people deserve better than that. Don't stump up, stand up — and if enough people stand up and fight this fight we can win" (applause).

Mr Blunkett *asked delegates* to reject the motion urging non-payment and to accept that calling for a campaign within the law.

The people of Scotland, who had not voted for the Government, were rightly angry about the tax to the point of wanting to lash out in whatever way they could.

"We need to be in a position to sympathize with and support *those people and not to wash* our hands of them."

The NEC statement and support for the one motion did not necessarily rule out determined and *clear action. But they were* not going to advocate policies which, in the end, they knew would let the people down.

They had learnt from the miners' strike the nature of this Government. "Many of us realized there was one and only *one way in which we would get* rid of the poll tax, cuts in housing benefit, cuts in local government support and attacks on the health service and that was to get rid of the Government itself (applause)."

The first motion was carried *overwhelmingly and the second* clearly lost.

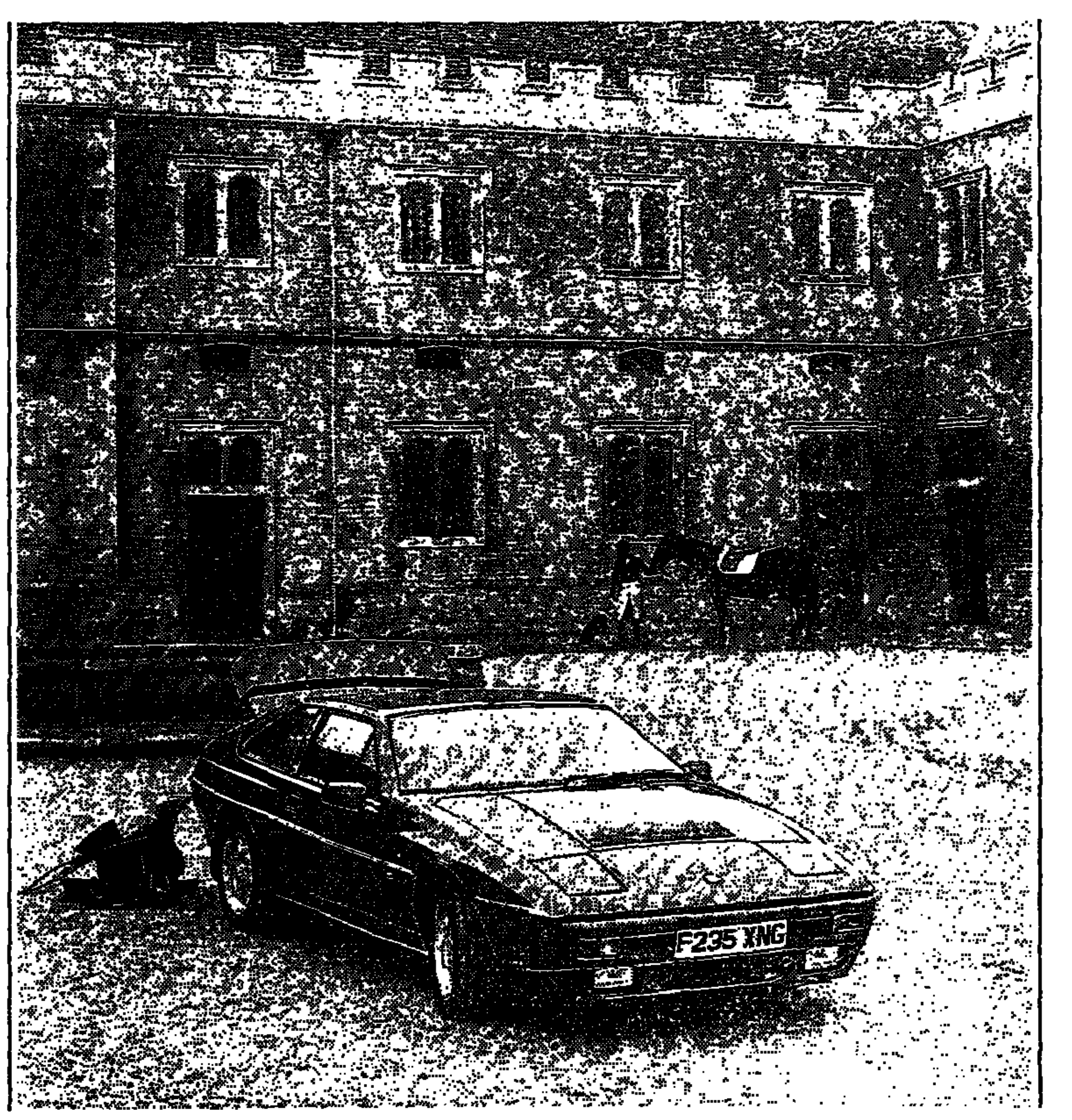
Skinner under attack

Mr Dennis Skinner, a hard-left member of the national executive committee, was bitterly attacked ***yesterday by a leading member of*** **the Shadow Cabinet over the way he chaired the Labour conference yesterday morning (our Political Correspondent writes).**

Mr John Cunningham, the chief spokesman on the environment, said he would be complaining to Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, over his "outrageous" treatment ***by the MP for Bolsover,*** **who failed to call him to speak in a debate on the poll tax.**

The controversy over Mr Skinner's handling of proceedings in Blackpool was further fuelled by his rulings over dismissed miners and the outcome of a separate debate on a national minimum wage of £135 a week ***for a 35-hour week.***

As the longest serving member on Labour's controlling NEC, Mr Skinner can expect tonight to succeed Mr Kinnock as party chairman under the principle of Buggins's turn. Party sources indicated yesterday, however, that an attempt may be made to block his advancement, although they doubted that it would prove successful.



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CHANGING THE WAY BRITAIN SHOPS.

Plea to coroner after London Underground refuses to pay for legal representation of relatives

Victims' families angry over Tube inquest

By Rodney Cowton and Paul Valley

London Underground was condemned yesterday on the first day of the inquest into the deaths of 31 people in the King's Cross fire last November, for refusing to pay costs to enable the families of those who died to be legally represented.

Mr Ian Walker, a solicitor representing 27 families said that in a conventional inquest after an accident, it would normally be the first inquiry to be held and if a civil claim for damages were to follow, the cost of the family instructing a solicitor or counsel would almost without question be borne by the party paying the damages.

However he accepted that this was not a conventional case.

He accepted that the formal inquiry into the cause of the fire, conducted by Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, had sat for 91 days, and that the families and victims of the fire were represented there. They awaited with eager anticipation the publication of Mr Fennell's report.

But that in no way diminished the importance of the inquest in the eyes of the families.

"This is their inquest. It will investigate the circumstances of the deaths of those they loved, who never returned home on the night of 18 November, 1987."

London Regional Transport, the parent body of London Underground, had "agreed to compensate the victims of this tragedy. They have agreed to pay the legal costs of those to whom such compensation is payable.

"They have refused to pay for the families of those who died to be represented here, saying that such representation is unnecessary.

❛ Relatives feel LRT has a high moral duty to make sure they have a voice ❜

"Without such financial backing the families concerned cannot possible afford the cost of representation for what looks likely to be a three or four-week hearing.

"They therefore face the prospect that this inquest will proceed in their absence, and that their voice will not be heard here."

He told Dr Douglas Chambers, coroner of Inner North London, who is conducting the inquest, that the families had to look to him to ensure that they were not forgotten, and "that their unique and particular interest here is taken into account, and that the truth of what occurred that night is revealed".

He asked that should any of the families wish to attend either in person or with a solicitor or counsel that Dr Chambers would allow them to be heard.

Dr Chambers assured him that if any family wished to ask questions they would be able to do so.

"The protection of the interests of the relatives will be in the hands of the jury, a group of people probably very similar to the relatives themselves."

In response to Mr Walker's comments, Mr Christopher Carling, counsel for LRT, said that solicitors for the families of the dead had written to him to say their chief concern was to ascertain the exact place and nature of the death of their relatives.

This information had already been collated in a report prepared for the earlier public inquiry.

A spokesman for LRT said the reason it declined to pay solicitors' costs connected with the inquest is that the inquest verdict would not affect compensation as LRT and London Underground had already promised, as long ago as last December, that they would pay compensation as if they were liable. In other words, claimants did not have to endure the distress, the trouble and expense of proving liability in furtherance of their claims.

He said that about 100 claims had been received, of which one-quarter, mostly relating to clothing and other personal belongings, had been settled. Interim payments had been made in about half of the other outstanding cases.

Generally, where settlement had still to be reached, it was because they were awaiting the necessary details from the clients.

Outside the court Mr Walker said he accepted that the coroner had no power to influence whether the families' costs were met. He said: "The relatives feel very bitter and feel that London Regional Transport has a high moral duty to make sure they have a voice at this inquest".

A statement issued by relatives of Mr Ivan Tarassenko, a rock musician, said that they found it "incomprehensible" for LRT not to provide for the families to be legally represented at the inquest.

They said that "although the inquiry revealed a catalogue of errors and a history of mismanagement, staff cuts and lack of training...they as a family did not bear any grudges against LRT or members of its staff".

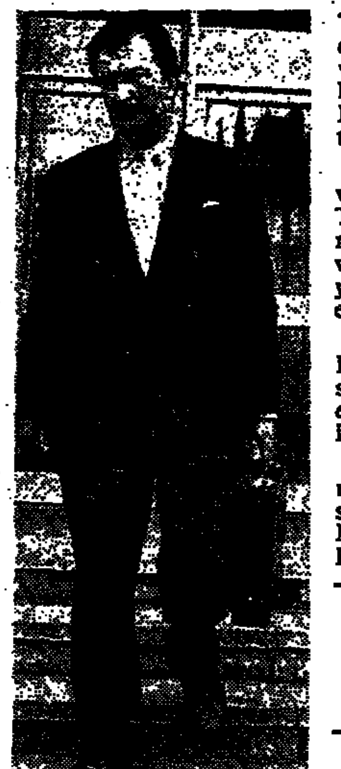
However nothing that LRT says or does any longer surprised them. "Throughout the last 10 months they have shown callous indifference to the pain and suffering of the bereaved families."

What may have been the final seconds in the life of Station Officer Colin Townsley, the only fireman to die in the King's Cross fire were graphically described yesterday.

Mrs Sinder Parmar, a housewife from north-west London, in a statement read to the court gave a dramatic account of how she looked up the burning escalator where the fire began, only seconds before a fireball engulfed the ticket hall at the top.

At the top of the escalator she saw a fireman attempting to rescue a burning woman. That fireman was almost certainly Mr Townsley, the inquest was told by several lawyers, including Mr Colin Stutt, counsel for Mr Townsley's family.

The burnt-out escalators at King's Cross Underground station (Photograph: Chris Harris) and a reconstruction of the face of the one unidentified victim



Mr Ian Walker: appealed on behalf of victims' families

Mrs Parmar said she stopped at the bottom of the escalator and looked up. "The fire was blazing. I could see orange flames about five to 6ft in height. The flames seemed to be moving straight up", she said.

"I looked to the top and saw a woman who seemed to be on fire. Her hair at the back was on fire, so also was the back of her coat. This woman was screaming.

I thought to myself; 'Oh, my God, I can't believe it'. I heard the first fireman shout out 'it's all right love, it's all right'. He was trying to reassure her."

After the fire Station Officer Townsley's body was found close to that of a woman whom investigators believe he had been trying to help. Mrs Parmar escaped on a passing tube train.

In the area at the same time was an American student, Mr Thomas Saeugling. His statement described how he saw a wall of flames four to five yards wide on the same escalator.

When he had alighted from his train from Euston he said smoke had been immediately evident but "not a lot, perhaps like a bin fire.

"I could hear an official using a calm but firm voice saying: 'We have got a fire. Move this way. Hurry up. Keep on moving.'

❛ A man shouted at transport officials 'You have sent them to their deaths' ❜

"The first escalator I came to was the one on fire. I crouched down and looked up it. I could see flames halfway up for about four or five yards. The flames were shooting from both sides, from the bottom into the centre.

"An official directed us to the left, through a corridor or tunnel to another set of escalators. There were no flames and I thought I was going to escape this way.

When I reached a point about halfway to the top I could see flames coming from the right-hand side of the concourse area. When I reached about three-quarters of the way to the top, all of a sudden, a wall of flames erupted which I could only describe as the way in which a small fire would look and sound when someone poured a can of gasoline on it.

"At this point the escalator stopped and I turned and ran down.

"There was total panic as everyone tried to get down away from the flames. I could hear screaming coming from the concourse at the top."

Mr Saeugling then escaped on a Victoria Line train. He got off at Highbury along with another of those who had escaped.

"This man was in a distressed state, as if he was crying without tears. He was shouting at transport officials: 'You bastards. You have sent them to their death. I saw the woman and her baby burning.'"

Earlier evidence given to the inquest was from Mr Bernard Sims, a dental expert with the Home Office Forensic Department. Two victims were so badly burnt that they could be identified only from their dental records. A third male victim still remained unidentified, he said.

This victim, know only as Body 115, was a man in his forties or fifties. The only possible method of identifying him was from his dentures. These were very well made, using good quality materials and did not seem to be National Health Service issue, making it unlikely that the man was a vagrant as had been thought at first.

But examination of the dentures, which bore a manufacturer's mark which said EH or FH had given no clues, even under laser and ultraviolet light. An appeal had been made through various dental journals but there had been no positive responses.

A scientist at Manchester University had reconstructed the man's face from his bone structure but this had prompted no response either. It was possible to say little more about the man except that he might have been a heavy smoker.

Various passengers on the Underground system that night, who had escaped death by only a few minutes, then described the moments in which the fire took hold.

Mr Phillip Squire, a financial consultant from northwest London, was the first to raise the alarm. Mr Squire, while standing one third of the way up the fatal escalator saw what appeared to be a smouldering cigarette caught in the escalator wooden tread but, he said, it soon became clear that the smoke was coming from between the steps. "I looked through the gap and saw a ball of white sparks, like a child's sparkler. Smoke started to come out and pour down like dry ice. The sparks were intense but there was no heat."

He jumped over the smoke and ran up the escalator where he reported the fire at the ticket office. An official there immediately raised the alarm by telephone.

❛ A great heat hit us, a huge heat, as if the door of an oven had just been opened ❜

"People didn't seem very concerned. People were still pouring on to the escalator", he said.

Mr Anthony Ball, of Cranbrook, Kent, then arrived at the bottom of the escalator. "I saw a group of people looking up. On the right hand side there was a small orange glow." As he mounted a parallel stairway the smell of smoke began to grow stronger.

Miss Sarah Hall, a solicitor, from Guildford, Surrey arrived at a different part of the station on the Circle Line. She tried to push through a crowd of commuters to reach the main ticket hall, unaware that this was near the centre of the blaze. "When I did I felt a great heat hit us, a huge heat. It was almost as if the door of an oven had just been opened.

"There was smoke hanging over the ticket hall like a cloud. I stopped to work out what was going on.

"Everyone was calm. There were no signs of a close fire: no bells going, no shout of 'fire', no official clearing people out, no people running away. My conclusion was that the fire was deep down.

"Then a woman ran past, very frightened, so I left. When I got to the top of the stairs black smoke billowed out behind."

There she saw six fire officers, leisurely donning breathing gear. "I asked them to hurry up because there was a lot of people down there."

Throughout all this, she said, there was no warning announcement, no alarm bells, no officials giving directions, no sprinklers. There were no firemen in the booking hall, and no police officers.

Mr Andrew Jones, an assistant design engineer for British Rail, arrived on the scene after getting off a train at St Pancras. He walked down a subway towards the ticket hall. "At this point you could smell smoke. We could see smoke and smell it quite considerably. Then a wall of heat came and the smoke went brown. The smoke got thicker and thicker."

Mr Jones then turned and made his way back along the subway which he knew was clear. "At the steps at the end the black smoke then overtook us and we really couldn't see very far at all."

He too spoke of the lack of any official help. "There was absolutely no warning whatsoever from anybody", he said.

The inquest continues today.

List of dead – plus one unknown

The most poignant moment of yesterday's inquest occurred when the jury was sworn in.

The jury members had to repeat the name of each of the 30 identified dead. The long list ended with the words "And an unknown male."

The full list of the dead is: Colin James Townsley, aged 45, fireman, Caterham Road, Lewisham, south London; Graham David Hall, 25, office manager, Francis Court, Gandhi Close, Walthamstow, north-east London; Kuttalam Govindarajan, 21, shop manager, Farnborough Avenue, Walthamstow.

Rai Mohabir Singh, 23, shop assistant manager, Melford Road, Walthamstow, north-east London; John Fitzgerald St Prix, 24, silver polisher, Rosedale Road, Forest Gate, east London; Susheila Nirmala Cottle, 28, housewife, and Dean Cottle, seven, schoolboy, both of Terence Messenger Tower, Olive Close, Leyton, east London.

Shoaib Khan, 22, student, Eldon Road, Wood Green, north London; Natalie Angela Falco, 65, widow, South Lodge Drive, Oakwood, north London; Lawrence Sonny Newcombe, 27, staff nurse, the Royal Free Hospital Nurses' Home, Wren Street, central London; Treena Chappell, 17, bank employee, Crouch Hall Court, Sparsholt Road, Upper Holloway, north London.

Terence Alonzo Best, 54, council employee, Levine House, Broadhurst Gardens, Kilburn, north-west London; Mark David Bryant, 17, cold store supervisor, Tree Road, North Woolwich, east London; Jane Alison Fairey, 27, trainee stockbroker, Crane Grove, Highbury, north London; Michael Holden, 55, council employee, Freegrove Road, Holloway, north London.

Betty Agyapong, 32, student, Cambridge Hotel, Belgrave Road, Westminster; Bernadette Frances Kearney, 23, auxiliary nurse, Alan Way, North Acton, west London; Elizabeth Norma Byers, 36, schoolteacher, Ardens Way, Sandpit Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire; Stephen Alan Parsons, 35, special projects manager, Green Lane, St Albans.

Michael Anthony Keegan, 50, material controller, Dunstable Road, Luton, Bedfordshire; Andrew Burdett, 34, office worker, Steward Close, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire; Neville Harold Eve, 36, office worker, Faraday Road, Slough, Buckinghamshire; Lawrance Vincent Moran, 22, Bosanquet Close, Cowley, Uxbridge, west London.

Ivan Tarassenko, 25, musician whose address was given as The Glebe, Cumnor, Oxford, who had been living in a commune at Pencraig, USAF Cwmbach, Whitland, Dyfed; Philip Geoffrey Marks, 57, architect, Barrow Cottage, Toms Lane, Linwood, Hampshire; Jonathan Redvers George, 25, engineer, Laithwaite Close, Beaumont Leys, Leicester.

Sarah Dearden, 32, financial journalist, 5300 Bonn, Trierer Strasse 131, West Germany; Ralph Humberstone, 50, cleaner, Dalston Lane, Hackney, east London; Christopher Roome, 50, stockbroker, The Boturich, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, and Marco Liberati, 25, student, Via Umbria 74, San Benedetto Del Tronto, Ascoli, Italy.

One victim has still to be identified.

Hinkley Point C pressurized water reactor inquiry

Demonstrators gather as a two-week adjournment is refused

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Hinkley Point C public inquiry opened yesterday with Lord Silsoe, QC, the planning lawyer, bidding for a nuclear hat-trick while objectors' requests for a two-week adjournment were refused.

As Lord Silsoe outlined his arguments in favour of building the £1.5 billion nuclear power station at Hinkley, a herd of environmentalists wearing papier-mâché white elephant masks, led by a 15ft inflatable white elephant, demonstrated against the scheme at Cannington, Somerset, where the inquiry is being held.

The demonstrators said the plan was "an enormous white elephant". They handed out prospectuses; and even offered to sell share certificates in the "White Elephant Electric Company". Placards proclaimed "Hinkley, a safe as the Titanic before it sailed?", and "Radioactive cream teas? No thanks".

More than 13,000 formal objections have been received by Mr Michael Barnes, QC, the inspector to the inquiry, on plans to build the Hinkley pressurized water reactor (PWR) as a third nuclear power station on the Somerset coast.

Inside the inquiry chambers yesterday, Lord Silsoe, outlining the arguments he will present for the Central Electricity Generating Board in support of the proposals over the next few months, sought to defuse the main opposition group yesterday.

It is a consortium of local authorities from the West Country and Wales, led by Somerset County Council. It is the first time that CEGB plans for a nuclear power station have been opposed by the relevant county council.

When the consortium of local authorities presents its arguments, it will disclose the results of a new public opinion survey, conducted on its behalf by the British Market Research Bureau, showing that 68 per cent of those surveyed oppose any new nuclear stations and only 8 per cent are in favour.

In addition to the local authorities, Greenpeace, the Town and Country Planning Association, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and Friends of the Earth have criticized the economic arguments made for a station at Hinkley Point.

Before the inquiry opened yesterday, Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Democrats and a sponsor of the Stop Hinkley Expansion group, said that if £1,000 million were spent on energy conservation, it would save four times the electricity that Hinkley Point C would produce.

He said an effective energy conservation programme would create more jobs. Non-polluting technology would also last longer than a nuclear station.

Mr Ashdown told a rally of objectors that there was a good chance of stopping expansion at Hinkley.

He said the economic argument for building a PWR, first made at the Sizewell inquiry, had been overtaken by changes in energy supplies and questions of safety.

He said approval for the Sizewell PWR scraped through on economic arguments, and they were no longer applicable.

But it was the absence of documents comparing the costs of producing electricity from nuclear power and coal that dominated the first day of the inquiry.

Lord Silsoe, a seasoned campaigner who represented British Nuclear Fuels in the Windscale inquiry of 1978 and the CEGB in the Sizewell inquiry, said it was government policy to diversify electricity generation away from fossil fuels. That policy was part of the Government's privatization proposals, calling for a minimum 20 per cent proportion of electricity to be produced from non-fossil sources of energy.

He contended it would not be appropriate for the CEGB to discuss or answer questions on government policy. Those were matters for Parliament to debate, not the inquiry.

The legal costs of the Hinkley Point inquiry, which is expected to last up to a year, are estimated at about £10,000 a day.

Although the main participants have not disclosed what they are paying their lawyers, fees for leading counsel are thought unlikely to be much less than £50,000 for the initial brief and £2,000 for each additional day after the first.

Junior counsel will earn between a half and two thirds of that.

Participants still hope that the inquiry will cost less than the estimated £25 million of the two and a half-year Sizewell B inquiry.

Of 11,000 objectors, 1,600 of whom have indicated they will contribute to the inquiry, only the two main participants, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the Consortium of Local Authorities (Cola), representing 21 West Country and Welsh local authorities opposed to the project, are expected to be represented by a full-time legal team.

The CEGB yesterday refused to disclose what it was paying its team of four barristers and a solicitor, headed by Lord Silsoe, QC, but said it hoped total inquiry costs would be less than those incurred in the Sizewell B inquiry.

Cola, which has a team of three barristers led by Mr Gerard Ryan, QC, has set aside £455,000 for legal costs and £800,000 for consultants' fees out of an expected bill of £1.5 million.

Of the other participants, only government departments are expected to be routinely represented by legal counsel. The Council for the Protection of Rural England may also have legal representation.

Bodies such as the Town and Country Planning Association, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace are represented by their own senior staff, many of them now well versed in the intricacies of public inquiries.

In any event, it was likely that Parliament would have concluded its privatization of electricity proposals before the Hinkley Point inquiry report was available.

He said the board had made it clear in July why it had not provided information on the costs of a coal-fired station as an alternative at Hinkley Point.

"The only reason for examining the economics of coal or other fossil-fired generation would be in order to argue that that form of generation should be built instead of the PWR", he said.

"That would be contrary to the Government's declared policy of diversification and that would be to invite the board to participate in an examination of the merits of government policy at this inquiry."

Although he said no parties to the inquiry had asked for a ruling for the CEGB to produce cost comparisons, the objectors served notice on the inspector yesterday that they wanted such information.

Lord Silsoe said the local authorities had indicated that they would not be challenging the merits of government policy on electricity generation, but would be questioning the board's interpretation. He believed that suggested that the disagreement between the consortium and the board was, in fact, limited.

On plant safety, Lord Silsoe told the inquiry that the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate recently confirmed it was prepared to license the new plant if consent were granted.

Later, a request for a two-week adjournment of the inquiry was rejected by Mr Barnes.

He said he sympathized with the objectors, who were unable to match the resources of the CEGB, but believed an adjournment would serve little purpose. However, he was considering arrangements to help objectors who were unable to attend the inquiry on a full-time basis.

The request for an adjournment was first made by Mr John Blake, chairman of the Town and Country Planning Association, on the grounds that the CEGB had twice as much time to prepare its case and far greater resources for cross-examination.

Mr Blake said many groups of objectors had still not received written submissions from the CEGB that should have been available three weeks ago under the rules of the inquiry. The postal strike was blamed.

Mr Barnes refused an adjournment on the grounds that the precedent cited by Mr Blake, concerning incomplete evidence, had involved a different type of case.

The CEGB is paying the administrative costs of the inquiry, covering the inspector and his three assessors, Professor Alistair Ulph, of the University of Southampton; Professor Hugh Simpson, of the University of Strathclyde; and Dr Kenneth Duncan, of the National Radiological Protection Board.

The team of lawyers appearing for the CEGB is led by Lord Silsoe, supported by three counsel: Mr John Groves, Mr Robert Fookes and Mr Michael Humphries. The instructing solicitor is Mrs F G Mizen.

The CEGB has so far listed 40 experts it will call as witnesses on economic aspects, safety and environmental issues.

General and policy issues will be addressed today, when Mr Derek Davis, the CEGB's member for research and development, will give evidence.

Mr Davis who will outline the board's policy with privatization in prospect. He is to pledge that the board's rigorous safety standards will be maintained after privatization.

The board maintains that the new PWR is vital to help meet increasing energy requirements in future and necessary to replace some ageing nuclear reactors.

When government departments such as the Department of Environment, Department of Energy, Ministry of Agriculture and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate appear later, they will also be represented by senior barristers.

In contrast, most of the objectors have no legal resources.

Mr Alan Thornton, representing Greenpeace, was dismayed by the rejection of the adjournment.

Mr Thornton told the inquiry that Greenpeace had launched a Hinkley Point fighting fund yesterday and had put up £50,000 to help other objectors attend the inquiry. He said the Greenpeace case was based simply on the "uninsurability" of nuclear power.

"If it is safe, why can't it be insured?" he asked.

Mr Stewart Boyle, for Friends of the Earth, said the inquiry was the first under new rules.

Those rules were particularly important in the timescale for evidence to be given beforehand to objectors.

Mr Boyle said this first test of the new rules showed that they were clearly unfair to objectors that were not funded by the taxpayer.

He said Friends of the Earth and the Council for the Protection of Rural England would ask the inspector for a "back-to-back arrangement", allowing the cross-examination of CEGB witnesses, the presentation of the objectors' case and cross-examination of their witnesses to be conducted at the same time.

He said that was important because Friends of the Earth intended producing expert witnesses in economics and decommission from the United States. Friends of the Earth could not afford to make those witnesses available full-time.

The inspector's decision to refuse an adjournment was later criticized at a press conference given by objectors. Mr Thornton said Greenpeace regarded the decision as "hasty and a mistake".

The inquiry continues today.

Release of hostage comes as welcome boost for Assad

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

The pivotal part played by Syria in securing the release of Professor Mithileshwar Singh after more than 20 months' captivity came as a welcome boost for President Assad at a time when his influence has been drastically reduced by events in the Middle East.

Syria's muscle in the secret negotiations with the shady pro-Iranian group, Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, which kidnapped the Indian academic, aged 60, was acknowledged in a rare public tribute yesterday from Mr James Craig, the number two at the US Embassy in Damascus. On Washington's behalf, he thanked Syria for its "important role in the release of Mr Singh". The diplomat refused to elaborate on the exact nature of Syria's influence, but there are now hopes in Western circles that it may prove helpful in winning the return of the 16 other foreigners still missing in Lebanon.

The close US-Syrian co-operation in the organization of Mr Singh's freedom was an indicator of the improving ties between Washington and Damascus which were recently in a state of disarray until September, 1987, when the US Ambassador returned to the Syrian capital after an enforced absence of 11 months. The Reagan Administration, which had branded Syria as a sponsor of terrorism, recently found that its interests and those of the Assad regime coincided in the attempt to find a new Lebanese President. The rejection of their compromise choice, the Christian lawyer, Mr Mikhael Daher, was another blow to Syria's attempt to impose its will on a region still known to many in Damascus as Greater Syria.

The decline in Syria's position as an Arab force to be reckoned with coincided with Egypt's rapid return to Arab favour, resulting in its recognition by 11 states since the Arab summit in Amman last November. Cairo officials hope that Egypt will be formally returned to membership of the Arab League at the next summit, provisionally scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia next month.

The main cause of Syria's isolation — a source of unconcealed delight to more moderate Arab nations such as Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — was the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. Syria's backing for Tehran in the conflict has left it vulnerable to Iraqi revenge.

Although Syria, which maintains a force of 40,000 troops inside Lebanon, remains the main powerbroker for the country, it has recently seen its authority there challenged by both the militias of the Maronite Christians (reportedly now receiving weaponry from Baghdad) and pro-Iranian extremists belonging to Hezbollah (the Party of God). The Christians rejected Mr Daher, and the Islamic gunmen were assumed to be responsible for the assassination last month of three leading members of Lebanon's Shia Muslim Amal militia, a close ally of Syria. The killings took place in a region policed by the Syrians.

The continuing struggle to prevent the final partition of Lebanon into Christian and Muslim entities has exposed Syria's inability to impose its own blueprint.

Many of Syria's troubles date back to the Amman summit, which produced a consensus among moderate Arabs in support of Iraq's war effort and the return of Egypt to the Arab fold. President Assad and Libya's Colonel Gadaffi had been most vocal in opposing such a move. The summit was seen as a watershed in shifting power away from the Syrians.

The subsequent uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the boost which it gave to mainstream elements in the Palestine Liberation Organization, led by Mr Yassir Arafat, was another blow to Syria's aims for the region. President Assad has long been instrumental in fostering violent resistance to Mr Arafat's leadership and Damascus provides the home for many of his radical opponents inside the splintered Palestinian movement. Recent hints from Arafat aides that the PLO is ready to contemplate talks with Israel and the foundation of a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip alone have been angrily condemned by the Syrian media as "capitulationist solutions".

Until the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Syria, Moscow's closest Middle Eastern ally, was able to bolster its pan-Arab authority by the claim to be the one country able to mediate between the Arabs and the leaders of the Islamic revolution in Tehran. Now, instead, it faces a call from Baghdad for its own expulsion from the Arab League, the fate meted out to Egypt largely at Syrian insistence in 1979 as punishment for the peace treaty with Israel.

Yesterday's carefully orchestrated ceremony at the Syrian Foreign Ministry, at which Mr Singh was formally turned over to Mr Edward Djerejian, the respected new US Ambassador in Damascus, was a demonstration that Syria's influence in the central issue of freeing the Western hostages is still a key factor to be taken into account.

Beirut (Reuter) — Twenty-one foreigners are officially still missing in Lebanon, but several are presumed dead. **Britons:** Alec Collett, aged 66 (UNRWA journalist); John McCarthy, aged 31 (television cameraman); Terry Waite, aged 49 (Archbishop of Canterbury's special representative). **Americans:** Terry Anderson, aged 40 (Associated Press bureau chief); Thomas Sutherland, aged 57 (agriculture professor, Beirut University); Farik Wareh, aged 63 (businessman); Frank Herbert Reed, aged 55 (director of Lebanese International School); Joseph James Cicippio, aged 57 (chief accountant); Edward Austin Tracy, aged 57 (book salesman); Alann Steen, aged 49 (Professor of communications at Beirut University College); Jesse Turner, aged 39, (business professor at BUC); Robert Polhill, aged 53 (Business professor at BUC); US Marine Lieut-Colonel William R. Higgins, aged 43 (commander of UN Observer Group Lebanon). **Iranians:** Hossein Musavi, (chargé d'affaires); Ahmad Motavaselian (Revolutionary Guards official); Kazem Akhavan (photographer). **Others:** Florence Raad, aged 32 (Franco-Lebanese journalist); Brian Keenan, aged 36, (Irish teacher) Alberto Molinari, aged 62 (Italian buisinessman); Mohammed Mahmoud al-Jiar (Egyptian Muslim cleric); Jan Cools, aged 32 (Belgian aid worker).

Sponsors withdraw from 'charade' of presidential debate

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The campaign chairmen for Vice-President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis have quickly agreed to go ahead with the final presidential debate in California after the original sponsors came out with a stinging denunciation of the event as a "charade" and "campaign manipulation."

Mr Paul Brountas, speaking for Mr Dukakis, said yesterday that he had contacted Mr Jim Baker, his Republican opposite number, and they had agreed to hold the second debate under the same conditions as the first. It will be on either October 13 or 14.

Neither commented on the wounding criticism of the event by Mrs Nancy Neuman, the president of the League of Women Voters, which has sponsored most of the debates in previous campaigns. Announcing that the league was pulling out of the Los Angeles debate, she said it would not be "an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public".

She accused the two campaigns of making a "done deal", specifying how every aspect of the debate should be conducted. They had restricted reporters' questions and determined how the panel was to be selected; which pictures the cameras could take and who would sit in the hall. "It's clear the campaigns wanted the league's stamp of integrity on this shoddy product," she said.

But the campaigns said her complaints were really only pique that the league did not receive more prominence. A Bush aide called her reasons for withdrawing "absurd" and a Dukakis aide said they were "self-serving".

The two campaigns will now have to raise the $500,000 needed to stage the event.

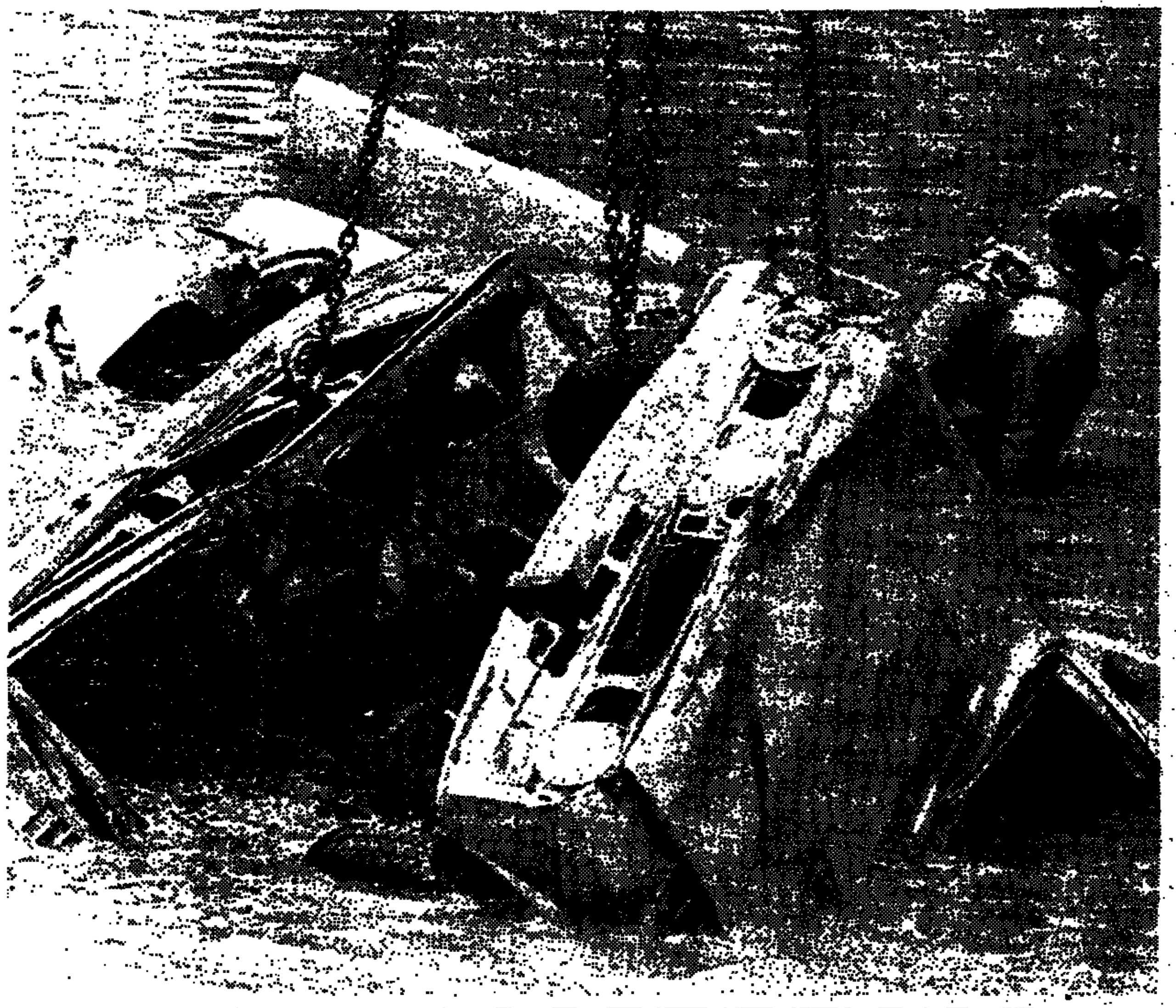
Although the league's withdrawal will not affect the format or content of the debate, it does lend weight to growing criticism of the artificiality of the debates and of the campaign in general. Commentators have accused both candidates of running shallow, staged campaigns that rely overwhelmingly on image and symbol while reducing press access to the candidates and deliberately avoiding any issue that causes negative reactions among groups of voters.

Today's vice-presidential contest in Omaha could be crucial to the credibility of Senator Dan Quayle, Mr Bush's running partner, but both candidates have been so carefully rehearsed that there will be little spontaneous exchange.

● **Accidents cover-up:** At least 30 serious incidents at the Savannah River Plant, which makes nuclear weapons, were kept secret by the US Government over 28 years, the Department of Energy has admitted. Some of the mishaps included the melting of fuel and extensive radioactive contamination.

The incidents also included leaks of reactor core cooling water, and a number of unexplained power surges.

Search goes on for Nîmes flood victims



A diver helping yesterday in an operation to check and remove hundreds of cars swept into Nîmes canal by a freak rainstorm on Monday which caused widespread flooding in this southern French city.

President Mitterrand flew to Nîmes yesterday as the death toll from the disaster rose to 11 (Philip Jacobson writes from Paris). With several feet of mud still covering hundreds of houses and vehicles, rescue teams fear that the final count will be at least twice as high.

The full extent of the calamity that followed a non-stop downpour lasting 36 hours only became clear yesterday morning.

Some 45,000 people in this picturesque city — about a third of the population — have lost their homes. First estimates of the cost of the damage are in the region of 500 million francs (about £50 million).

Television reports from the scene have shocked the nation. At one point on Monday the historic centre of Nîmes resembled a fast flowing river, with cars being tossed around like toys as divers worked frantically to rescue trapped occupants.

The city authorities yesterday issued an urgent warning to inhabitants to regard the drinking water supply as probably polluted.

Only a few telephones are working, but a limited rail service is operating. Some looting has been reported.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Tehran fears war may be resumed

The Iranian Government believes there is a serious possibility of a resumption of the Gulf War and has renewed efforts to build up its depleted weapons stocks, according to reports from Tehran (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

Mr Mohammad-Hossein Jalali, the Defence Minister, told the Tehran daily, *Kayhan*, that the Army and the Revolutionary Guards Corps, which have about 200,000 and 350,000 men respectively, were "definitely being strengthened". He said Iran was hopeful that it would be successful in its attempts to buy more sophisticated weapons.

As the Iran-Iraq peace talks entered their seventh week of deadlock in New York, Iran announced that more fresh troops had been dispatched to the war fronts from the province of Azerbaijan, and Iraq emphasized that its military readiness was at its highest level.

Joint military study

Bonn — Britain and West Germany are to set up a joint study group on improved bilateral military co-operation within Nato, although there is no thought of forming an Anglo-German brigade (John England writes). Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, and Herr Rupert Scholz, his West German counterpart, said here yesterday that they would also have talks with the other Western allies to seek ways to reduce the burden of low-level training flights on West German civilians. Mr Younger said the group would examine possible closer co-operation in many areas.

Black striker killed

Johannesburg — A striking black worker was shot dead by a white policeman in a luxury hotel here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes). More than 3,000 union members were locked out on Monday by Southern Sun, South Africa's biggest hotel chain, in a dispute over paid holidays on political anniversaries.

In Pretoria, the Commissioner of Police yesterday ordered the seizure of video recordings of the film *Cry Freedom*, based on the life and death of the black consciousness leader, Steve Biko. The film was seized in July.

Hyderabad toll rises

Karachi — Five people, including a magistrate, were killed and 12 people wounded yesterday during continued violence in Hyderabad, where an estimated 170 people died in a massacre on Friday (Edward Gorman writes).

Reports from the city, which has been cut off from the rest of Pakistan since Saturday, said there was widespread gunfire throughout the hour-long morning curfew break. The renewed violence is embarrassing for President Ishaq Khan, who visited Hyderabad on Monday and promised that he would take "stern action to crush saboteurs".

Serbian wage protest

Belgrade — About 3,000 Serbian workers demanding higher wages marched on the federal parliament here yesterday where they shouted down federal leaders who tried to address them and called for Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian Prime Minister (Dessa Trevisan writes)

The demonstration was calculated to show that Mr Milosevic has the support of the Serbian working class. He was brought to the scene and persuaded the crowd to disperse. However, wage protests are spreading as Yugoslavia's living costs are rising at 15 per cent per month.

Haiti election pledge

Paris (Reuter) — Haiti's military ruler, Lieutenant-General Prosper Avril, says he plans to restore a civil government in Haiti and that an electoral commission will be formed immediately to prepare the polls.

General Avril, who took power in a coup on September 17, told the French daily, *Libération*, that his ambition was to return democracy to his country.

Dukakis campaign targets middle-class anxiety

From Charles Bremner, Chicago

Mr Michael Dukakis put the question "How many of you saw the debate? Do you think I won?" three times — to a prosperous crowd in Connecticut, a group at a police drug incinerator in Michigan, and a theatre of cheering blacks on the Rev Jesse Jackson's home turf in Chicago.

"You did, Mike, you did," Monday's audiences all chanted back. The Massachusetts governor beamed the smile that makes the image-makers wince. On television, that Dukakis grin looks like the smugness of the teacher's pet.

But for the Dukakis camp, the debate 10 days ago was a turning point. Their man made mincemeat of Vice-President George Bush, his Republican opponent, and America finally listened.

The truth, at least as echoed by the opinion polls, was not nearly so rosy. "The Duke" made few converts with his killer precision and, while voters pronounced him the better debater, they found the stumbling Mr Bush both more likeable and more presidential.

The Vice-President still leads by about six points. But with less than five weeks to go to the November vote, the Democrats believe that they have broken the Bush momentum and can close the gap.

"At least we're in with a chance," said a senior adviser. "It's up to us now to make our case." The Dukakis camp believes that it has ended Mr Bush's easy domination of the "sound bites" — the daily stage-managed television events in which the Vice-President used to paint Mr Dukakis as unpatriotic.

The all-powerful network news shows are now injecting a note of ridicule towards the contrived "photo opps", or simply shunning the more shameless stunts — such as Mr Bush's visit to the flag factory. The Dukakis campaign has launched four television commercials that mock the image war by purporting to show cynical Bush strategists plotting dastardly moves against their man. And some of the experts agree that a new phase has opened. Mr Larry Hugick, of the Gallup organization, said: "Dukakis seems to have stalled Bush's advance. But it's stalled at a point where Bush is still ahead."

Very late in the day, and thanks to the arrival of old hands such as Mr John Sasso, his reinstated manager, and Mr Ted Sorensen, John Kennedy's former speechwriter, the Dukakis team has boiled down its message to something that can be grasped between commercials. The issue is middle-class anxiety.

What Mr Dukakis is now trying to harness is the latent anxiety that today's prosperity has been bought with debt and it may be gone tomorrow.

It is this anxiety that has prevented Mr Bush from cruising ahead to an unassailable lead on the old rule about peace, prosperity and parties in power. Mr Dukakis is now going all-out to paint Mr Bush as an elitist friend of the rich who is out of touch with the middle class that the governor represents.

The speechwriters have honed some more pithy sound-bite imagery for the governor and this week, he has been taking his new pitch on the trail.

"George Bush is Santa Claus to the rich and Ebenezer Scrooge to the rest of us," he said in California. To the raucous black audience of Chicago's South Side, he simplified things. The road, with Mr Bush, "leads to an America of privilege — an America where the very rich get even richer and the rest of us get by".

Yesterday in Evanston, Illinois, he aimed for the middle-class vote. As he did in Hartford, Connecticut, he went for fear over home, health and education.

To the great regret of the Dukakis campaign, though, factors outside their control seem to be swinging the national mood in favour of the Vice-President. Something of President Reagan's old popularity has revived, time has healed the scars of Black Monday, now nearly a year ago, peace is breaking out and even the success of the space shuttle cranked up the optimism factor.

But there is one big obstacle that Mr Dukakis faces, and it is one that is exasperating his staff. Many people do not find him likeable. This new "l-word" (in the wake of "liberal") is quite possibly going to be the governor's downfall.

The image advisers have been imploring him to try to be warm and friendly. In the debate, that translated as a patronizing leer, a puritan smugness that former President Ford called "smart-alecky".

Even when Mr Dukakis tries to break from formality to a joke, he strikes a self-satisfied note. Shortly before throwing cocaine and heroin worth $10,000 into an incinerator on Monday, he said: "I'd better be careful. It's very hot. I don't want to burn the hands that are going to hold the nation." It was time for another wince from the minders.

Gorbachov snub greets Ceausescu in Moscow

From A Correspondent, Moscow

President Ceausescu of Romania arrived in Moscow yesterday for a brief official visit which, according to *Pravda*, the Soviet people welcomed as leading to the "further strengthening and development of friendship" between Romania and the Soviet Union.

Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet President, did not meet him however, and diplomats here note that political differences between the leaders grow wider with every new Kremlin reform. Romania remains deeply embedded in the kind of Stalinist traditions which Mr Gorbachov has pledged to uproot.

Romania is already in the international doghouse over its treatment of minorities — particularly the Hungarians — and its plans to eradicate thousands of villages in order to reclaim land for farming, while housing the peasants in multi-storey apartment blocks.

The latter plan smacks of the gigantomania that Mr Gorbachov eschews, but the Soviet leader may consider that to tell Mr Ceausescu so would be an unwarranted interference in Romanian internal affairs.

The treatment of Hungarians in Romania, however, is not merely an internal matter, and diplomats say Mr Gorbachov is likely to raise the matter because of its impact on the coherence of the Soviet bloc. Relations between Budapest and Bucharest are at an all-time low because of the affair.

Despite the abysmal performance of the Romanian economy, President Ceausescu has shown little interest in espousing Soviet-style reforms.

Romania was the last East European country to be visited by Mr Gorbachov, and when he finally made the visit in May 1987, he lectured President Ceausescu about nepotism and corruption, and about the "difficulties" which Romanians experience in their everyday lives. Analysts say it did not go down well.

The hardest talking in Moscow may be about trade between Romania and the Soviet Union, which is supposed to increase by 80 per cent during the current Five Year Plan. Mr Gorbachov is no longer interested in getting any old goods, however, and will demand that Romanian factories turn out better-quality products for the Soviet market.

On foreign affairs, paradoxically, there may be more meeting of minds than in the past. Mr Ceausescu has traditionally run his own foreign policy, regardless of the general Warsaw Pact stance. He maintained links with Israel after Moscow broke with it in 1967, and he declined to join the Soviet-led boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Since 1968 Romania has refused to take part in Warsaw Pact military manoeuvres and exercises.

But many of the policies which Mr Ceausescu disagreed with are now criticized in Moscow too as legacies of the period of stagnation under Leonid Brezhnev.

Relations with Israel, for example, are warming, and the Russians announced this week that they had agreed to prolong the visas of an Israeli consular delegation which is currently in Moscow studying the facilities available at the Dutch Embassy, which handles Jewish emigration applications and other Israeli business.

● **Strike continues:** The capital of the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, Stepanakert, remained strikebound yesterday as a parliamentary delegation from Moscow arrived to study the situation.

The delegation consists of members of a new commission on ethnic relations set up by the Supreme Soviet. It is headed by Mr Avgust who chairs one of the two chambers of the Soviet parliament.

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Education Secretary in Moscow

Baker gives poetic message

From David Tytler, Education Editor, Moscow

Soviet teenagers were yesterday given a lesson in British history and poetry by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, when he visited one of Moscow's showcase schools for gifted children.

The mixed class of 16-year-olds at School No 31, which specializes in the teaching of English, were each given a signed copy of the poetry anthology *English History in Verse*, edited by Mr Baker.

Clearly enjoying himself, Mr Baker read extracts from a selection of English poems covering critical moments of British history from Magna Carta, the Reformation, the Battle of Waterloo and the Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War.

Reading Rudyard Kipling's *Reeds of Runnymede*, Mr Baker used the opportunity to talk about the freedom of the individual enshrined in the Magna Carta.

Welcoming Mr Baker, the school's director Mrs Vera Stepanova, said that the country was facing a revolution under Mr Gorbachov, with the country's education system, undergoing a reorganization.

The school, with 628 pupils ranging from six to 17 years old and a staff of 50 teachers, is often over-subscribed, with pupils being selected by tests.

A group of Soviet scientists has appealed to Mr Bakerto plead their cases for exit visas. The Education Secretary, on a seven-day visit to the Soviet Union, entertained nine of the scientists to breakfast at the British Embassy yesterday.

Mr Baker said after the meeting: "The number of people who have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union has increased, and increased quite sharply last year, but many scientists are still finding it very difficult. Some have been trying to leave for some time, one for nearly 20 years."

Mr Baker will make representations to Mr Yuri Marchuk, President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, to bring pressure on the Government which is refusing them permission to leave on the grounds that they hold information vital to the Soviet Union. None of them has worked as a scientist for years, most are unemployed, the others doing unskilled jobs.

The Education Secretary will raise the cases of:

● Professor Eduard and Mrs Nina Nadgorny, who is a leader of "Women in Refusal", a pressure group of about 50 refusenik women, and who writes for the *Jewish Chronicle*. Her husband, aged 57, who first applied to leave in 1981, is a professor in electronics.

● Mr Igor Uspensky and his wife, Inna, who are both biologists and have two sons. The elder, a physicist, does not wish to emigrate but the younger, a biologist, has applied to emigrate in his own right.

The family was told in May that Mr Uspensky's mother, a botanist, would not have cleared herself of secret knowledge until 1997, and that therefore the family could not leave.

● Mr Ilya Spinsker, aged 68, a statistics professor, first applied to emigrate in 1986. He is now frail and has a sick wife.

Their son, Mr Yevgeny Grishanovsky, has permission to leave but is experiencing difficulties. He is joint co-ordinator of the unofficial refuseniks' scientific seminar.

● Mr Yuly Kosharovsky, an electronics engineer, aged 47, has been trying to leave since 1971 and is regarded as being the main spokesman for the refuseniks. He has been harassed in the past.

● Mr Yuri Chernyak, aged 44, is a scientist specializing in general physics and applied mathematics. He is a semi-invalid, has been unemployed for 10 years, and first applied to emigrate in 1972. He is joint co-ordinator of the unofficial refuseniks' scientific seminar.

His wife Natalya is a representative of the group "Jewish Women for Emigration, Survival and Refusal".

Italian MPs urged to scrap 'plague' of the secret vote

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Italy yesterday opened a crucial debate that could either bring down the Government or, for the first time since the Second World War, make the Prime Minister into a strong leader.

The issue is that of secret voting in the Italian Parliament, a 140-year-old tradition that plagues Prime Ministers unsure of the loyalty of their backbenchers. The last Government, headed by Signor Giovanni Goria, who led a Christian Democrat-dominated five-party coalition, was torpedoed when party rebels secretly sided with the Communist opposition to make a nonsense of the 1988 budget. A similarly bumpy ride awaits the 1989 budget of his successor, Signor Ciriaco De Mita.

Voting, cynics say, is the only secret remaining in the Italian Parliament, which is mainly distinguished by its leaks and noisy demonstrations. The Government decided that the abolition of the secret vote would be the first shot in wider institutional reforms that are designed to overhaul the parliamentary system and provide for a more stable system of government before 1992.

But the secret vote is also the most controversial component of these reforms. It is the only big issue that is disputed by the Communists who are otherwise ready to cooperate in changing the system.

The vote on the secret vote will, of course, be secret. That spells danger for the Government. The coalition needs only an absolute majority of 316 votes and should be able to call on 370. But Christian Democrat backbenchers think that they will lose their one sure way of making an impact on policy. And, as one prominent backbencher put it yesterday, "We don't want a British-style system with deputies whipped down the 'aye' corridor like a herd of sheep."

The most important supporter of the secret vote is Signor Guilio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, who has been criticized for siding with the Communists.

In his usual dry tones, Signor Andreotti commented: "Just because the Communists say on Saturday that today is Saturday does not mean that I am forced to say it is Sunday or Monday."

Some of the backbench discontent became plain in the diary of a Christian Democrat, Signor Carlo Senaldi, published this week:

Rome — Dry weather in the mountains has wiped out much of this year's harvest of white truffles (Roger Boyes writes). The crop, one of the world's most exclusive foods, has been reduced by more than a third. Prices, already £900 a kilo, will rise accordingly.

The truffles, unknown in Europe outside Piedmont, appear at altitudes of between 1,300 ft and 1,950 ft and are hunted at night, when the odour is strongest, by dogs specially trained at an institute in Rodi.

"September 25: De Mita gathered us together to say that we must stand united during the parliamentary debate on the secret vote. But all my colleagues talk of their doubts and objections. Some were worried that they would become subservient to decisions taken at party headquarters. Others were worried about reprisals from the party leadership should they disent.

"September 26: A few phone calls to assess the mood — I found only a few who were firmly for abolishing the secret vote.

"September 27: Before leaving for Parliament, my wife tells me to vote according to my conscience."

The diary continues to chronicle the self-doubts of the governing parties and the pandemonium in Parliament. The De Mita Government could probably survive even a wholesale rebellion of the backbenchers, who are known as snipers. It would be embarrassing, but not mortally so.

However, Signor Bettino Craxi, leader of the Socialist Party, is insisting that it is all or nothing. He claims, probably correctly, that the coalition was founded on the promise to abolish the secret vote. Any compromise excluding that promise would oblige him to leave the coalition, he said.

Signor Craxi, whose most recent literary work was a preface to Machiavelli's *The Prince*, thrives on this kind of brinkmanship. But he has important support from outside Parliament — from Signor Carlo Di Benedetti, the industralist, for example. Secondly, Signor Craxi is speaking as a man who was regarded, between 1983 and 1987, as one of the most powerful postwar Italian Prime Ministers. He has always argued that the trend in the West is towards stronger, not weaker, Prime Ministers, and that most European leaders do not constantly have to guard against snipers.

Despite Signor Craxi's absolute abolitionism, the Christian Democrats favour subtle variance — leaving the secret vote intact apart from nationally important issues such as the budget. To Signor Craxi, that smacks of a flirtation with the Communists.

Royal couple tune into the Australian outback

The Duke of York laughing yesterday as the Duchess answered questions from people living in the Australian outback of Northern Queensland. The royal couple were visiting the radio services headquarters of the Royal Flying Doctors in the town of Mount Isa, a stop on their 10-day official tour of Australia.

Murdoch argues against a privacy law

From Michael Hornsby, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, told an international gathering of newspaper publishers and editors here yesterday that the rapidly developing technology of global satellite communications was breaking down barriers and making it more difficult for governments to control news.

Delivering the keynote address to more than 150 delegates from 18 countries attending the annual conference of the Commonwealth Press Union, Mr Murdoch said that too many journalists made life easy for governments because they lacked "the energy and mental attitude to ... find out what is really going on for themselves".

Mr Murdoch argued against the kind of law of privacy which he said was now under discussion in Britain, maintaining that any such measure would be "designed not for the protection of ordinary people, but for the preservation of establishments".

It was "second nature to people in power to avoid the public glare", Mr Murdoch said. "We must confront them at all times because (their desire for secrecy) usually goes far beyond reasonable national security ... Governments everywhere are always going to try to find ways to control news ... but I think it is up to us, from newspaper publishers down to reporters, to prevent them."

Quite a few members of Mr Murdoch's audience were clearly sceptical of his claims to be a champion of press freedom. Among them was Mr Tommy Sithole, editor of *The Herald*, a Harare-based daily newspaper which, like most others in Zimbabwe, departs from the government-defined party line at its peril.

What guarantee was there, he asked, that Mr Murdoch through his monopolistic control of a worldwide publishing empire would not seek to manipulate the news just as much as governments?

Mr Murdoch contended that he was not a monopolist. He had built up his press empire mainly by buying businesses which were failing or in trouble. "By picking up hopeless situations and making successes of them, we were all the time creating competition.

"By finally confronting the Fleet Street print unions, we've opened up competition for everybody."

His newspapers did not have "monolithic political views". Newspapers owned by the group in the same city often took different positions. Mr Murdoch maintained that he had "never ever changed editors on political grounds". The problem arose when "an editor fails — say, either his staff revolts against him or, more important, the readers go into revolt and start buying another newspaper. Then you have to change the editor.

"Normally you try to look after the editor properly and find him something else to do, though I've found that such an editor usually prefers to go down to the street corner and become a martyr," he said.

Mr Murdoch was scathing about the journalistic lobby system in Britain and in Australia. "It is not just the House of Commons lobby where everyone gets everything off the record from the Prime Minister's Press Secretary ... and anyone who breaks the system ... is sent to Siberia or at least to Coventry.

"Perhaps newspapers should have two journalists on the job in such situations, one inside the lobby and one outside".

On the question of privacy, Mr Murdoch said that when newspapers invaded the privacy of "some ordinary person", through, say, lurid court reporting, "you don't hear a word of complaint from the politicians, from those in power. That only happens when they themselves are put under such scrutiny".

Many governments were afraid of the free flow of information promised by global communication. They often sought to deny access to the new technology by imposing exorbitant tariffs.

Danes warned of tough budget

Copenhagen — Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister of Denmark, yesterday warned the nation to expect drastic remedies for its economic ills, including big cuts in public expenditure (Christopher Follett writes).

He said at the state opening of the Folketing (Parliament) that the most serious problem the three-party, minority coalition Government had to tackle was foreign debt of £22.5 billion — equivalent to £4,500 per head of population.

A proposed £900 million cuts package would trim the near-sacrosanct system of cradle-to-grave welfare, forcing consumers to pay for some health, higher education and social services provision.

Island killings

Colombo (AFP) — At least 15 people, including a police commando and a soldier, were killed in violence involving anti-government Sinhalese militants and Tamil guerrillas, Sri Lankan officials said.

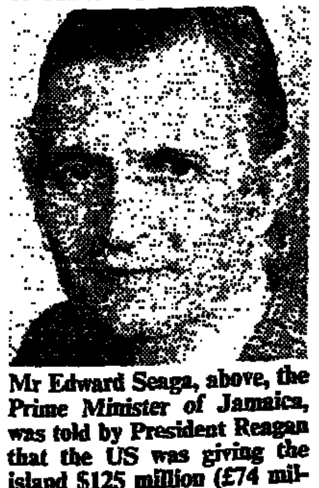
Hostage freed

Bogotá (Reuter) — Colombian police raided a farm and freed a Dutch industrialist, Mr Jan Martens, who was kidnapped for a $20 million (£11.8 million) ransom by left-wing guerrillas in January.

Contra battle

Managua (Reuter) — Government troops killed 10 Contra rebels after they attacked a village in northern Nicaragua and tried to kidnap civilians, state-run media said.

Hurricane aid



Mr Edward Seaga, above, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, was told by President Reagan that the US was giving the island $125 million (£74 million) in long-term aid after the havoc caused last month by Hurricane Gilbert.

TV sacking

Delhi (AFP) — The Indian Government has sacked Mr Bhaskar Ghosh, the head of the state-owned Doordarshan television station which had been criticized for not giving political leaders other than Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, enough air time.

Chile to hold its first poll for 15 years

Fears of violence as Pinochet faces defeat

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago

Chileans go to the polls today for the first time in 15 years amid fears that pro-government groups may spark violence to disrupt or invalidate the plebiscite in which President Pinochet seeks eight more years in power.

Most opinion polls suggest that defeat is looming for the general, who seized power in a 1973 coup, and whose Government has been widely criticized ever since for human rights abuses.

But a nationwide Gallup poll taken this month shows the "yes" votes ahead by 47 per cent to 42 per cent, with 11 per cent undecided.

Two other polls also show the "yes" option ahead.

But others this week indicate that the "no" vote being called for by the opposition may win by a margin of more than two to one, with 7.4 million Chileans expected to turn out.

General Pinochet's supporters, however, confidently predict a vote of around 53 per cent in favour of their candidate.

If the general wins less than 50 per cent of the popular vote, the Constitution says that he must call multi-candidate elections by December next year and step down three months later.

As tension has mounted this week in the run-up to voting, opponents of the general have received death threats and some have had their homes attacked.

According to the New York-based human rights organization, Americas Watch, and the human rights watchdog of the Chilean Roman Catholic Church, 1,231 people have been arrested since August 30. That was the day President Pinochet was nominated as the only candidate in the plebiscite.

Three people have been killed in campaign violence and more than 100 others have been injured.

Señor Patricio Aylwin, the leader of the Christian Democratic Party and a spokesman for a coalition of 16 opposition parties, has warned of dire consequences if violence erupts today. "Should violence be provoked that causes the cancellation of the referendum, Chile would be brought to a virtual civil war," Señor Aylwin said.

Late on Monday, the Government angrily denied the existence of any plans to prevent the referendum taking place or to anul the results. Fears of such action have been voiced by the opposition, the Roman Catholic Church and the United States.

The Chilean Interior Minister, Señor Sergio Fernández, issued a statement saying that no-one would interfere with the polling and rejected comments by US State Department spokewoman, Mrs Phyllis Oakley, who on Monday expressed "serious concern" over alleged plans to call off the plebiscite or invalidate the result. An estimated 400 foreign correspondents and a similar number of international observers, including the United Nations' special rapporteur on human rights in Chile, are scrutinizing the plebiscite.

The biggest single group of observers are 345 MPs from 30 parliaments around the world, including Britain and Ireland.

Most delegates spent yesterday being briefed on proceedings and travelling to towns and cities where they will be stationed during the voting.

The man in charge of the technicalities of the vote, Señor Juan Garcia, has emphasized that the system in place now is virtually identical to that which governed democratic elections in the sixties and seventies. However, in today's plebiscite the armed forces are not only responsible for keeping the peace on the streets: the sole candidate is their Commander-in-Chief.

Señor Garcia himself was second in command of the Electoral Service when Christian Democrat, Eduardo Frei, was elected president of Chile in the late sixties, and again when the Socialist, Dr Salvador Allende, was elected in 1970.

"The Government called me back two years ago, when it knew this plebiscite would be coming up," Señor Garcia likes to tell foreign press.

However, he admitted recently that he never left the Government after the coup, but continued to work in the legal department of the Ministry of the Interior. His brother, Señor Ricardo Garcia, is a former Minister of the Interior in the military government and is currently the Minister of External Affairs.

Both the Ministry of the Interior and the opposition predict that they will have partial results by 6 pm local time, with totals by midnight.

However, the ballots, from the more than 22,000 voters' tables which will be set up throughout the country, as well as official totals, are sent through the post to the Electoral Service, which says it expects to take six to 10 days to provide official results.

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Plebiscite could herald new era

By Peter Strafford

Today's plebiscite in Chile is potentially the most important event in that country since the armed forces, headed by General Pinochet, seized power in 1973. A vote against the General, who is standing for re-election as President, would open a new phase in the country's history.

Chile made Salvador Allende, a Socialist Party member and a Marxist, President in September 1970. His Marxist Administration was seen as breaking new ground, and as a possible model for other countries.

Until then Chile had been politically stable, with a reputation for democracy and political sophistication, and an absence of military coups. Allende's Administration was a coalition of five parties. Known as Unidad Popular (People's Unity), it immediately set about introducing a radical programme.

It attracted increasing opposition, however, and in March 1973 it failed to win a majority in the congressional elections. In September the armed forces moved in. Allende died in the fighting at the presidential residence.

The armed forces' intervention was widely welcomed on the political right and even in the centre. But to general surprise the armed forces proved to be repressive, introducing a reign of terror against their political opponents.

There have been two previous plebiscites. Both were called at short notice, and both were won overwhelmingly by General Pinochet.

Torture scars one nation in three

By Nicholas Beeston

Amnesty International today draws an "ugly picture" of the state of human rights globally, detailing in its annual report widescale abuses, from the death squads of Latin America to torture in the Middle East.

The human rights group, in the 278-page document covering 135 countries during 1987, says: "In at least half of the countries of the world, people are locked away for speaking their minds, often after trials that are no more than a sham. In at least a third of the world's nations, men, women and children are tortured. In scores of countries, governments (kidnap and murder) their own citizens."

Britain is criticized for the behaviour of the authorities in Northern Ireland, particularly over the failure of the Government to release the findings of the Stalker inquiry into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy by the security forces in 1982.

Amnesty says that it is concerned about the judicial procedure used in the province and allegations of torture by the security forces against suspected terrorists. It also criticizes the police on the mainland for their handling of suspects in the Broadwater Farm Estate riots.

Political change in the Soviet Union led to dramatic improvements and the release of large number of political prisoners, although by the end of the year there were still 300 people exiled or imprisoned for their beliefs. In East Germany and Romania, all known political prisoners were released under amnesties during the year, but fresh arrests were reported.

The United States comes under attack for executing 25 people last year.

Regimes in the Middle East and North Africa remain among the worst violators, but Amnesty praises the changes in Tunisia. The most reports of detentions, extrajudicial executions and torture came from Iran, Iraq and Syria.

There were signs of improvement in some nations in West Africa. However, torture and ill-treatment of prisoners was reported from more than 18 countries there.

In South Africa, hundreds of prisoners of conscience were detained, and thousands more held under emergency regulations without being charged or tried.

Sri Lankan security forces are accused of reprisal killings against Tamils and Sinhalese. Amnesty says that 680 people have disappeared on the island since 1983.

But on a positive note, Amnesty says the illegal killing of one student in South Korea, Mr Park Chong Chol, sparked such public outrage that it prompted the authorities to stamp out torture.

Amnesty International Annual Report 1988; £6.95, Amnesty International, British Section, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1.

Olympic flame fires athletes' film hopes and new optimism in Seoul

Gold scarce in Hollywood arena

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

While the American Olympic gold medal winner Greg Louganis dries himself off and flies to Hollywood to resume his acting lessons, he might do well to cover his bets by studying for another, steadier, less risky line of work — professional hang-gliding or high-wire walking, say.

For the chances of his making it to screen stardom as easily as he has to diving-board glory are slim. And, although superstars like the flamboyant flying sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner are already being wooed by producers, who see her as a potential screen sex symbol, the chances are that she will stick to advertising endorsements.

If you doubt it, consider the sad cases of others who found gold at the Games — but came up empty-handed in the mercenary Hollywood arena.

Take Mark Spitz. With seven golds in 1972, his torso gleaming in the glare of the flash bulbs, he looked a certainty for big-stardom, but he never made it, not even on television.

On Bob Hope TV specials, he was wooden. After that, he almost got parts in *Jaws*, *The Way We Were* and *Earthquake*, but almost is not enough.

"They kept promising me the earth and coming up with zilch," a rueful Spitz said much later, after he had gone on to succeed in the baby-wear business in Southern California. "All those golden parts simply never materialized."

An unmemorable teenage beach picture *Dirty Laundry* featured, as well as Greg Louganis, the Olympic sprinter and long-jump medallist, Carl Lewis, who won golds in 1984 and 1988. They played a beach idler and a policeman respectively.

The critics made a meal of Louganis: he "didn't create much of a splash"; "took a dive"; was "all wet". But, compared with the fate of Lewis, Louganis emerged smelling of roses.

Bruce Jenner won a gold medal in the decathlon in 1976, moved into a mansion in Malibu, married Elvis Presley's former girlfriend and became a film star with a role as a pompous solicitor in *Can't Stop the Music*, with The Village People and Valerie Perrine. It was a "disco disaster" for which only a sports-hater would blame Jenner. He finally was given parts in *cHiPs*, the television series about highway police.

Boxer Mark Breland (a gold in 1984) found punching more profitable than acting. He made his respectable film début in *Lords of the Discipline* — but then turned professional.

There have been Olympic success stories, of course: Olympic swimming champion Johnny Weismuller, the definitive Tarzan, who played the role more often than anyone else; Buster Crabbe, another swimming ace, a close second, who was Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers.

Then there was Herman Brix, a shotputter who won a silver medal in 1928, who changed his name to Bruce Bennett and also played Tarzan before going on to a career as a second lead in films like *Danger Patrol*.

The Norwegian ice skater, Sonja Henie, three times figure-skating gold medallist — in 1928, 1932 and 1936 — dazzled the world on and off screen for years afterwards.

Patrice Donnelly, a 1976 winner, fell in love with Mariel Hemingway in the athletic lesbian love story, *Personal Best*.

Mary Lou Retton, star of the Los Angeles Olympics gymnastic events, not content with commentating on her sport, will be seen soon as a rather too well-fed Tiny Tim in the Bill Murray film *Scrooged*.

But the transition from the victor's podium to the screen can be sad. Jim Thorpe, an American Indian won two athletics golds in 1912 was thereafter cast exclusively as a "White man speak with forked tongue" caricature of an Indian chief in forgettable films like *Wild Horse Mesa* and the 12-part serial, *Battling with Buffalo Bill*.

Roh paints bright picture for South Korea's hopes

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

With its Olympic flame extinguished, South Korea has begun to focus on more sombre affairs such as its enduring conflict with North Korea, internal political wrangling and the plight of its low-paid workers.

President Roh Tae Woo reviewed the main issues facing the country in a broad-ranging policy speech yesterday, and concluded that the future was bright providing the Opposition co-operated with his Government and everybody worked harder.

Describing the Seoul Olympics as a glorious monument to the capabilities of the South Korean people, he said: "We have never stood before the world as tall as this. Indeed, we have now acquired the confidence that we can do anything to which we put our mind."

Thus encouraged, one of his priorities was to end hostilities with North Korea. He announced he was drawing up a new plan for a non-aggression pact and eventual unification, and was willing to visit Pyongyang to discuss it with Mr Kim Il Sung, the North Korean leader. He gave no details of the peace formula, but said it would incorporate proposals by the North.

President Roh said he would encourage youth and sports exchanges across the demilitarized zone, and would not seek to isolate North Korea in his efforts to improve relations with the Soviet Union and China, its principal supporters. His ultimate goal was that the peninsula would "cease to be the powder keg of East Asia".

Arguably the greatest threat to President Roh's Administration is a parliamentary probe into corruption and human rights abuses during the regime of his predecessor, Mr Chun Doo Hwan. Facing an opposition campaign to discredit him by association, he reaffirmed pledges to co-operate with the investigations.

While freeing some political prisoners, he made it clear the Government would continue to deal firmly with those it perceived to be violent revolutionaries — notably disciples of North Korean propaganda.

"They are trying to overthrow our democratic system ... such activities cannot be tolerated any more," the President said.

The urban and rural poor, victims of South Korea's notoriously low-wage industrial strategy were promised housing, education, and social welfare programmes.

A substantial portion of his speech was devoted to the economy, which he predicted would continue to expand rapidly, enabling South Korea to join the ranks of the advanced industrial nations during his term in office.

Opposition reaction to President Roh's speech was muted and defiant.

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JOBS FOR THE 1990s

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There is no longer such a thing as Jobs for the Boys, **Alan Franks** reports. But we still have a flourishing New Boy Network, particularly for graduates of our grander universities, and the aspiring professional cannot afford to ignore it

One fact that should be firmly committed to memory by final-year students, long before they approach the last hurdles of revision, is that when it comes to looking for a career in a competitive field, this is the age of creative contact usage.

This does not mean that the contact should be creative, but the user. It is contemporary parlance for turning to practical account the experience — and contacts — of friends and alumni who have trodden successfully down your proposed path.

In this context, the word might have strong undertones of conventional doggedness, or plain ambition, but it is definitely not intended to be a euphemism for some Old Boy Network.

"Anyone can be creative and mobilize contacts," says Tom Snow, who runs Oxford University's careers office. "It is absolute rubbish to say that incompetent people get to the top because of who they know. They have to have the talent."

In other words: the world of work might not look like a meritocracy from your humble academic vantage point and your less-than-dazzling social clique, but you would be amazed how helpful people can be if you are determined enough to approach them.

It might be said that if you are fortunate enough to be at Oxford, then you are a *de facto* member of the New Boy Network and will mature into an older boy without ever connecting that process with the concept of privilege.

As Robert Wilson, of the Institute of Employment Research, *points out, it is no secret* that the older universities trade on their eminence by using their lists of former pupils in order to set up a network of contacts, through whom undergraduates might be able to get a helpful, relevant briefing before job interviews. This is defined by the second word which our undergraduate should memorize: networking.

Perhaps it would be strange if a careers office ignored this obvious resource. Yet networking stops short of Jobs for the Boys. That is the accepted definition of a phenomenon whereby people actually hire friends with whom they have worked. In the well-tried vocabulary of getting on, the Old Boy Network is the one which most closely resembles networking.

Snow explains the niceties to his clients in a pamphlet called *The Creative Job Search*, but stresses again that "the essential thing is to get really close to the job, to show an employer that one is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about his work".

In the opinion of Gerry Fowler, principal of North East London Polytechnic and former Labour Minister for Higher Education, there is already a preferential system operating quietly in many large companies, for *the* reason that "like attracts like . . . there is a certain amount of prejudice among employers against polytechnic students because the employers went to universities".

Certainly commerce, notably banking, is continuing to favour university types. Last year 18 per cent more university graduates started careers in that field than in 1986, while only 0.9 per cent more joined from the polytechnics.

Paula Grayson, *senior recruitment* manager for Unilever, is moving against the run of play when she asserts that there has never been an Old Boy System. "There is simply too much money involved," she explains. Her own company took on 133 graduates this year, each earning at least *£10,000. All underwent a two-tier* interview process designed to remove any chance of prejudice by the selectors.

What if there are blank pages in your own and your college's contacts book? Creativity again holds the answer; you start your own modest network through work experience during the vacations. Stuart Rochester, of the Association of Gradute Recruiters, says: "It helps the student *decide what he is interested in*, and gives the employers the chance to take a look at him."

For sheer confidence, however, *it is hard to beat the haughty* student (Oxford, of course) who told his friends that he would be unavailable because he was "interviewing".

"Interviewing whom?" asked one of these friends, expecting the answer: "Manservants". "Quite a few," came the reply. "Hambros, Secker, Keyser Ullmann . . ."

MICHAEL BENNETT

GOING TO MARKET

Since he began in marketing, Jonathan Sally (above) has become a shopaholic. ***He does not*** **actually buy anything, but he is forever dashing into stores to compare "his" products against those of his rivals.**

Sally, aged 23, is an assistant product manager at Beecham Health Care with responsibility for the vitamins and tonic portfolio. ***He*** **says: "Marketing appealed because it is such a mixture of elements. I know it sounds a cliché to say it is the hub of the industrial wheel, but that is how it feels."**

Sully was one of the eight marketing graduates Beecham recruits annually. He got a 2/1 from Manchester University in biology.

A typical working day might involve discussions with the research and development lab***oratories, the factory, designers,*** **ad agencies and PR companies. Officially, his hours are 9am to 5.15pm, but in reality he works much longer, frequently arriving at eight and staying till seven. He began at £9,000 a year ago and now earns £12,000. The next promotion would be product manager.**

JOBS FOR THE BOYS

Between the last year and 1995 there are expected to be more than 1.7 million new jobs — more than a million of them in professional and related occupations. According to the Institute for Employment Research Review of the Economy and Employment, within seven years almost a quarter of working people will be engaged in professional and related occupations, while a fifth will be in sales and personal service. *Job prospects for men and* women differ significantly. Women take an increasing proportion of jobs in professional and related occupations, management and sales and personal services. Their growth rate for the first of these groups amounts to 3 per cent a year, twice that for men. All the growth in sales and personal services is absorbed by women.

These are the proportions in which men and women hold jobs in the top professions:

Accountancy: Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, men 80,609/women 7,838

Advertising: Members of the Institute of Practitioners in *Advertising, 7,869/6,664.*

Bio-technology: 3,000/1,000*.

Computer systems analysis: 28,000/6,500

Engineering: *Members of* Institution of Electrical and Electronics Incorporated Engineers(Electronic and software engineers), 19,940/60.

Members of the Institute of Chemical Engineers, 16,646/1,230.

Finance management: Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, 13,261/593

Journalism: 23,298/9,124.

Graphic design: Members of Chartered Society of Designers, 2,448/936

Health management: General managers in health care, 600/300*

Leisure: 151,250/123,750

Insurance broking: 15,225/2,275

Investment analysis: 2,360/340

Law: Practising solicitors, 41,527/7,410. Barristers, 5,040/904

Marketing: Members of the Institute of Marketing, 19,580/2,420

PR: Members of the Institute of Public Relations, 12,000/8,000

Sales: *Members of the Institute* of Sales Management, 18,620/18,430

Social work (excluding probation workers): 7,000/18,000.

* *approximate figures*

FROM THE GREY TO THE GLAMOROUS

The marketing man, or woman, is in the business of selling a particular product; so competitive has his game become that the first thing he must sell is himself. In this he has proved himself over the past five years to be remarkably successful. He has not finished yet.

Like the new breed of accountant (described in Monday's Spectrum) he has altered beyond all recognition. His is no longer a trade but a profession, and he has degrees, diplomas and seductive salary scales to prove it.

His world overlaps with those of the advertising man and PR, although he is neither of these things. Indeed, he has had cause to resent their status (particularly the adman) and is now redressing the balance.

According to the Institute of Marketing, for whose diplomas or certificates there are 19,000 young men and women studying, the occupation has finally come of age. It cites as the main reason the fact that manufacturers are having to identify much more precisely the particular markets they want to penetrate. No longer can they afford to hope that the sales department will shift products made in relatively random quantities.

The whole process now has to reach back into the corporate planning stages. The company must have an intimate knowledge of the market-place, of distribution and, above all, of the implications of the wider economic *shifts. If we* add the company's portfolio of products, pricing policy, after-sales service and promotional strategy, we begin to approach an inventory of the marketing man's required expertise.

To borrow the jargon of the market-place, companies have *had to make the shift in emphasis* from product orientation to customer satisfaction; it is this transition which explains best the rise of the marketing man. Just like the accountant, he is in on the act far more than before, and he is an infinitely brighter fellow in today's social landscape.

On the admission of one very successful manager of a sales promotion company, you have to go back no more than 20 years to see the pitiful condition of the marketing man by comparison with the glossy young things of advertising. "His image was, frankly, tacky. OK, the advertising guy has always been on top, and maybe he always will be. But in those days there was a whole world separating them. That is no *longer true. The marketing* man does not now turn up at the retailer's door with his suitcase full of goodness-knows-what from the Far East, saying, 'Hey, have I got something for *you*!' "

Although employers still complain of the difficulties of attracting recruits of the very top calibre, *higher education has responded to* the growth of marketing by offering ever more theoretical instruction in the field. Not only are there now approximately 150 centres in the UK through which people can study for a qualification recognized by the Institute of Marketing, but almost every university degree course in business studies has substantially enlarged the element of marketing available.

As if to confirm its new acceptability, marketing is fond of holding up its own gurus for approbation. It might not be able to sport a pair of Saatchis, but it has a quorum of millionaires who made it very big very young, as well as its share of professionally revered trail blazers. One of these is Christian Peterson, *recently* retired from Kingsland Lloyd Peterson while still in his early forties; his company was among the first in the industry to achieve plc status.

There are approximately a dozen marketing consultancies making the running at present. *While* most of them *agree that it* takes at least a year for even someone bright, young and diligent to master the rudiments of sales promotion, they also point out that the opportunities for *fairly rapid* advancement are plentiful. By the age of 24, a graduate with three years' experience could expect to have risen to the level of senior account manager.

'It has always been an area in which it has been thought an asset to be street-wise'

"If you really want to do well, you will find it is a thoroughly meritocratic world," says Roger *Hyslop, managing* director of the group Marketing Triangle. "It has always been an area in which being street-wise has been considered an asset. That might still be true to a point, but now you also need the base of a sound theoretical training. We tend to take on three or four sandwich students *from Aston University for a year* in the middle of their course. By the time they reach their final year at the university, we reckon we will know if we have a high flier on our hands."

Juliana Delaney, public relations manager for Culture Resource Management, which ran a successful marketing campaign for the Yorvik Viking Centre in York, is one of those who came up "through the street rather than the college . . . of course there is a tremendous value in studying your subject thoroughly, but only if that is combined with good practical experience. Marketing is now aiming to rank alongside professions such as solicitors and accountants, and I expect it will get there."

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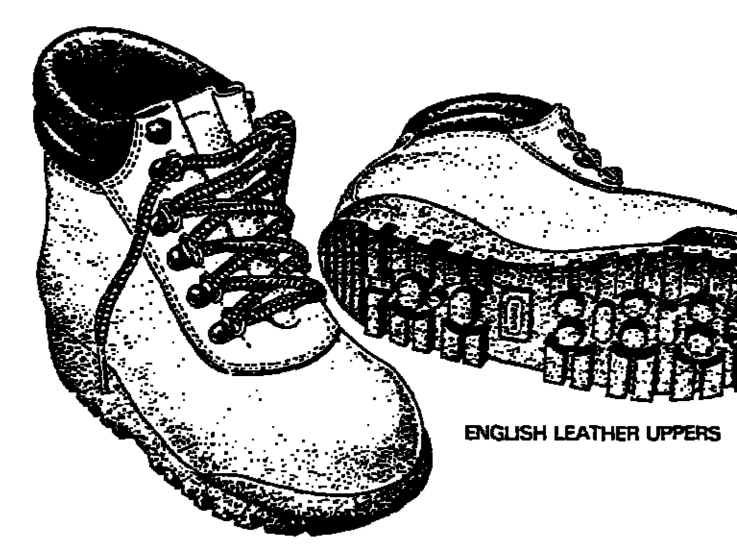

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JOBS FOR THE GIRLS

Where will the jobs be for women — and men — in the 1990s? The Institute for Employment Research suggests that by 1995 the number of new jobs in a cross-section of occupations filled by men and women, and the percentage increase this represents, will be as follows:

Engineers, scientists:
Women +33,000/men +130,000
(83.2 per cent/17.5 per cent)

Health/welfare professions:
Women +162,000/men +71,000
(21.4/24.8)

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(49.5/16.5)

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(70.4/7).

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(35.8/14.2)

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(11.2/9.0).

Error of our ways

To err is human, to study our errors is to begin to understand man-made disasters

When a learned man errs, he errs in a learned way. Professor Jim Reason, professor of psychology at Manchester University, is such a man, and is not ashamed to admit that he has put shaving cream on his toothbrush and from time to time answers the telephone with a loud "come in".

His job it is to profit from *our* mistakes. He is an authority on human error. He is also, when he chooses to remember, an authority on absentmindedness.

The professor's current line of inquiry has taken him on to the roads on behalf of the Transport and Road Research Laboratory. Recently a motorist and his wife stopped at a motorway service station. Forty miles later he asked for a mint; when none was *forthcoming, the man realized his* wife was still at the service station.

"There are clear distinctions between men and women," Jim Reason says. "Men contribute more to accidents, and their bad behaviour tends to be deliberate violations. Women are more prone to slips and lapses like changing lane without indicating, or forgetting where they parked."

Professor Reason has taken to the roads to see for himself. "We call them hot pursuits," he con*fides. "We have a little car and we* tail someone for a few minutes noting errors. We've been toying with the notion of rent-a-granny because people tend to moderate their driving when there is a senior citizen in the car."

He is clear about the practical applications of his researches. "Flixborough, Three Mile Island, Challenger, Chernobyl, King's Cross, Piper Alpha. There is a very high concern with man-made disaster in high-risk technologies."

"Errors are the penalty we pay for the good things," he insists. "It is a kind of balance sheet. We are absentminded because we have the ability to run on automatic pilot. If we had to make a decision on every single action, we would never get out of bed."

Patrick O'Hanlon

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MARTIN FLETCHER

Blackpool

Bennites and Kinnockites may have been at each others' *throats during* this week's Labour conference, but on Saturday all should be sweetness and light. *Nita Clarke, Glenys Kinnock's press officer* during the last election and originator of the term "cuddly left", is marrying Stephen Benn, *son of the man* Kinnock has just routed in the leadership contest and politically a chip off the old hard-left block.

After the Mirror Group's industrial chaplain has blessed their register office marriage in the Commons crypt, Tony Benn will lead off the speeches at a reception in the Members' dining room. He would do well to steer clear of politics, or he is liable to divide the guests as he has past Labour conferences. Those expected to attend include Eric Heffer and John Prescott, both defeated rivals for the party's deputy *leadership, left-wingers such as Ken Living*stone and right-wing stalwarts like shadow chancellor John Smith and John Cunningham. The Kinnocks were invited but will be taking their son Stephen to Cambridge University. The wedding over, the young Benns fly to America to watch the presidential election and root for Dukakis.

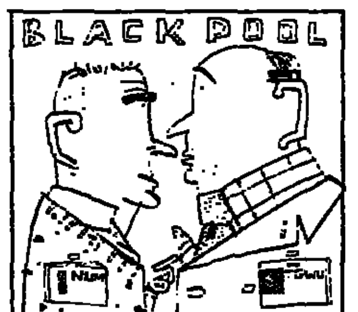
T*alking of chips off the old block*, another is Peter Mandelson, the man who exerts such an iron control over Labour's relations with the media. I have been passed a copy of a letter written in 1926 to Arthur Henderson, chairman of Labour's national executive committee, by Mandelson's grandfather, Herbert Morrison, then an NEC member. In it Morrison complains that a member of the NEC had revealed details of its last meeting to a publication called *Sunday Communist*. Morrison asks Henderson to rule whether *individual members should be* "at liberty to give alleged reports of proceedings together with their opinions on them to the general *public, including the opponents of Labour* who of course are at liberty to obtain information from public prints". He then goes on to suggest an alternative ruling that "all press statements should be made through authorized officials only".

Had he been in Henderson's shoes, there's absolutely no doubt which course Morrison's grandson would have favoured.

- **Party conference season has in the past meant endless shuttling between the three Bs of Brighton, Blackpool and Bournemouth. *Labour is now planning to add a* fourth B to the itinerary. In 1991 it will break new ground by going to Birmingham.**

It has been a pretty rotten year for Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman. He incurred vast legal costs by taking *The Observer* to court for questioning his working-class credentials and losing. On Monday he lost his place on Labour's NEC. A talking point at Blackpool yesterday was whether his fellow MPs will now compound his misfortunes still further by voting him off the Shadow Cabinet. Meacher came third in last year's contest but *that was before he* was moved from the high-profile health spokesmanship to employment. More importantly, his de*cision to sue The Observer has led many* MPs seriously to question his judgement.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm all in favour of PR — proportional representation, *not policy reviews*'

As usual, those who are not at the Labour conference are almost as interesting as those who are. Where, for example, is Denzil Davies, the Shadow Cabinet member who dramatically resigned as defence spokesman earlier this year because he was fed up with Kinnock's *equivocation on the issue? Where is Peter* Shore, a regular conference attender but another who this year attacked Kinnock on *defence*? And where is Sharon Atkin, deposed as Labour candidate in Nottingham before the last election because she had called the party racist? She is listed as the Streatham party delegate but is rumoured to be in Costa Rica. However, one man who *is* at the conference is Roger Boaden, who organized Mrs Thatcher's tours during all past three general elections. The former Tory Central Office official is now director of the Shopping Act Reform Council, which is trying to persuade delegates of the merits of Sunday trading.

- **Peter Pike, Labour MP for Burnley, went to South Africa this summer as a guest of that troubled country's churches — and was almost barred from entering. He caused general apoplexy by arriving at immigration control with a Free Nelson Mandela badge pinned to his lapel.**

The Government is legislating to allow council house tenants to opt out of local authority control. Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman, yesterday pledged that a Labour government would give them the right to opt back in. He believes that the new Housing Bill will prove such a "Rachman's charter" that harassed and overcharged tenants will flock to their councils, or to housing associations or cooperatives, and beg for help. Provided a majority of tenants agreed, the private landlord would be forced to sell the property at a price set by independent arbitration. He neatly justifies this move on exactly the same grounds that the Government justifies its Bill — extended choice for tenants.

Nicholas Henderson recalls a Washington neighbour

Behind the priggish Wasp

With only a month to go before America's new president is elected, it is difficult to avoid speculating, sometimes anxiously, about how our interests this side of the Atlantic will be affected by the change.

Assuming it will be Bush, we get a few, but only a few, clues from his book, *Looking Forward: An Autobiography*. Its purpose, presumably, is to tell prospective American voters what Bush wants them to know and think about him. Thus, he is packaged as a man with a magnificent past, who is ever reaching out (vogue American *idiom) to the future. The words*, "Looking Forward", appear on the title page and at the top of *every alternate page of the book.*

That Bush was born in Massachusetts and had a classic *Ivy League upbringing* is a useful corrective to the modish talk of the shift of the American establishment from the Eastern to the Western seaboard.

To criticism of his patrician background, Bush has countered that it is true that he was born in wealthy Massachusetts, but he couldn't help it, he wanted to be near his mother at the time — a riposte that may be a tribute to his sense of humour, or to the speechwriter, Peggy Noonan. His grandfather, George Herbert Walker, from whom he derived *his Christian name*, founded the Walker Cup. There can surely be few better bearings on any Wasp escutcheon.

When, *in 1981*, the Bushes first arrived at the Vice-President's house in Washington, *they became our neighbours*. Nobody who knows them both can have any doubt about the *importance of his wife*, Barbara, in giving calmness and a sense of service to their lives. Barbara, he says, "shared my feeling that we had an obligation to put something back into a society that had given us so much". The "family" is a Bush theme, as it is of the Republican Party nowadays.

Personally, I have never found George a prig or conceited. But this book does its best to give the impression that he is both. Presumably, as the Quayle episode has confirmed, smugness is less damaging in an American politician than is sin. Bush says that as a student he "studied hard" and "did well . . . was never *much of a drinker, either in the* navy [he was the youngest naval pilot in the Second World War], or in college" [where he became Phi Beta Kappa].

In his story-book career of war hero, oil tycoon (helped financially by Eugene Meyer, father of Katharine Graham, the present owner of the *Washington Post*), congressman, ambassador to the UN and China, and Director of the CIA, his only setback was his failure to become a senator in 1970.

Rather surprisingly, before running for the Senate, which would have meant giving up his seat in the House of Representatives, he sought the advice of President Johnson. "Son," said Johnson, speaking slowly, deliberately, "I've served in the House." He paused. "And I've been privileged to serve in the Senate too.". Another pause. "And they're both good places to serve. So I wouldn't begin to advise you what to do, except to say this — that the difference between being a member of the Senate and a member of the *House is the difference between* chicken salad and chicken shit."

The alternating currents of idealism and materialism that have driven the United States since early days have run throughout Bush's life. His political philosophy is based on "the idea of America as a beacon of hope throughout the world". He quotes the words of Herman Melville: "We bear the ark of liberties of the world." This is not very different from Reagan's view of America as "the last best hope of man on earth"; nor, indeed, from Dukakis's "American dream". This philosophy translates itself into a series of commonplaces: government is to be viewed as the last, not the first, recourse in solving problems; the individual is to be entitled to a fair opportunity to "fulfil his or her God-given potential"; peace is to be sought through strength; commitments to allies are to be honoured.

In an addition to the autobiography dated April 1988, Bush is a little more explicit. He says that he will continue with *SDI, give top priority to banning* chemical/biological weapons, institute a multinational anti-drug campaign, oppose restrictive trade practices and on day one of his presidency call a meeting between the executive and the legislature to tackle the trade and budget deficits. He will freeze government spending and will not increase taxes. The only guide to how he thinks the deficit will be reduced is contained in a numbing phrase: "The Bush administration will continue to cut wasteful spending on all fronts." This is followed by the words: "*No sacred cows.*" Priority will be given to education and to reaching out to the young.

From what both candidates have been saying, I do not think that either would instigate any revolutionary change in foreign policy. Western Europe should feel confident that there will be no attenuation of the US military commitment to it whoever is the next president.

This does not mean there may not be an upturn in the cyclical call for American troop reduct*ions in Europe*, the rationale being the need for economies and for a re-deployment of resources in view of the reduced East-West tension and increased threats outside the Nato area.

As regards new personalities, from my own experience it is difficult to tell in advance who will win the prizes. All we can say at this stage is that Bush has not shown himself to be a dab hand at picking. Nevertheless, there are prestigious and experienced people whom he could call upon, such as James and Howard Baker, John Tower, Frank Carlucci and Nick Brady.

Whatever the outcome of what Meg Greenfield, editor of the *Washington Post*, has termed the national dental appointment on November 8, the allies of the USA should reckon that:

- The next president is unlikely to be dominant in either personality or standing; Bush, for instance, is likely to be faced by Democratic majorities in both Houses of Congress.
- The decision-making process, particularly over foreign policy, will remain diffuse.
- The only guidance for a foreign country is to keep an eye on the manifold sources of influence within both Congress and the administration and to try to lock in to each of the many power points.

Sir Nicholas Henderson was British Ambassador to Washington 1979-82. Looking Forward: An Autobiography, *by George Bush with Victor Gold, is published tomorrow by Bodley Head (£15).*

Peter Stothard

Labour's shifting sand castle

Blackpool

Neil Kinnock caught a cold on Tuesday night — for which, as he croaked his way through his sixth leader's speech, the Labour Party was duly sympathetic. But he had caught another bug before that — one which did not go down so well throughout the Winter Gardens.

He had caught the sense of freedom which Paddy Ashdown *of the Democrats had left behind* in the Number One dressing room, the same freedom which David Owen had shown at the SDP's Torquay conference, and which Mrs Thatcher shows almost every week.

He has never paid so little heed to the heart-burn of the left. He took every slogan that has done any good for the Conservatives and tried to turn it to his needs. Labour was the party of individuals, of consumers, of the environmentally concerned, of efficiency, of fairness, of pragmatism, of Europe, *of the green* belt, of the anxious affluent, of praise for Ronald Reagan. That was what he said.

Unlike his rivals, however, Kinnock is neither the master nor the hero of his party. He attracts neither the excitement nor the deference. Yesterday's speech did nothing decisive to make that any more so.

He has the title of "leader" which Ramsay MacDonald first wore, but, to a greater extent even than any of his predecessors, he cannot lead; he can only lean. He can only put his shoulders against the party's rigid, constitutional scaffolding *and hope* that *something* will give way.

That is the context in which the televised standing ovations must be placed. That is the standard against which Kinnock's well-reputed skills in party management must be judged. For the party has seen shafts of light before — and been sucked back into the dark, sluggish waters of 19th-century ideology. So has its current leader. Nothing has been produced to prove that the cycle will not recur, even if the conversion is sincere.

A timely reminder of this, it is pointed out here, is to be had in the latest published diaries of Mr Tony Benn — a book much talked of in Blackpool this week. Benn reveals how in 1970 his pamphlet putting forward the "new politics" of the "new citizens" received *Kinnock's* "wholehearted endorsement".

These new citizens were people with growing incomes, leisure time and levels of training; they were more analytical, less activist and more *individual*. They wanted a new style of political leadership in the manner of Moses, according to Benn, then newly de-Wedgewooded in the aftermath of election defeat.

The pamphlet also *contained* the by now familiar battiness (it included the total abolition of Foreign Affairs, which was somehow to be swept away by high-tech communications). Kinnock himself was also still a self-confessed victim of the "it's all bloody hopeless and we may as well be in Disneyland" syndrome. But the future Labour leader did recognize some of the truth of what Benn wrote.

So did others, however. The electorate *was changing. In the political* whirlpool in which parties and ideas collide it was the Conservatives who eventually made the successful match. It was Mrs Thatcher who became the Moses. Benn and Kinnock were left in the wilderness from which Kinnock is now trying to extricate himself. The answer was in Benn's reply to Kinnock's confessional letter. "The tide is coming in," he said, and "each of us is on our own surfboard." No Labour leader was quick enough to seize and *take advantage of it.*

Slow response to change has long been a socialist handicap. Political turning points tend to have passed by before any notice can be taken. Kinnock spoke yesterday into the *familiar* battery of Japanese lenses. Labour's communal view of the world is *as through a very different* instrument — one of those with dusty, dark drapes, slow to *assemble, impossible to move*, requiring a subject as still as the dead, and punishing the slightest movement with a long blur.

Not even Karl Marx could escape that. His analysis of the conditions he affected to change — if it ever had been true — had ceased to be so by the time he wrote it. But he, at least, had the excuse of being born in the age of the *camera obscura*.

Mr Ron Todd does not. Kinnock ended his speech yesterday by calling on his colleagues to match their political *stances to the need to get elected.* But the leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union immediately signalled that on the crucial question of unilateral nuclear disarmament he did not agree.

Nor did a good part of the constituency section agree with Kinnock's description of the conference as a gathering where no one was poor enough to go for loans to the social fund. "*We are*," they shouted, reminding everyone that it was not only the unions whose actions were properly selfish and unsullied by Kinnock's appeal to altruism.

The Labour Party is still trapped in the fortress of Clause Four socialism. Kinnock may want to lead it away. But he *cannot do it by himself. He* cannot even appear to do it by himself. His strengths are management, manoeuvring behind the scenes and his formidable rhetoric upon the *conference stage*. All three have been on display this week, even if the rhetorical devices were restricted in delivery by the state of the leader's ear, nose and throat.

But the weaknesses are clear too. It was another essentially negative speech of opposition in a long line of such creations stretching back to 1983. He did not have to deal with the supporters of picket-line violence, as he did in *1984*. He did not have to launch an assault on Militant, as in 1985, for reducing *Liverpool government to a* taxi-run to hand out redundancy notices. He was so hazy about defence that his 1986 commitment that "he would die for his country but wouldn't let his country die for him" remains unsurpassed in the memory.

Although he has avoided his 1983 trick of falling into the sea for photographers, he still stands on shifting sands politically. It was fascinating to hear a Labour leader attack the Tories for being half-hearted about the single European market; very welcome *to* hear one saying that collective provision is a means not an end; and *refreshing to* hear the frank admission, three years before a likely election date, that "there is no concession to Thatcherism as great as letting it win again".

That last remark is important. It means that *no statement* by the Labour leader, even if it is not immediately disavowed by Todd, can be taken at its face value. Labour may now be beginning to come once again in sight of the issues which move the voters of Britain. But the party is still not guaranteed to grasp them.

The Dream Ticket has won the votes again. Though it says it has a dream, it has promised that it is not a team of dreamers. But Roy Hattersley was not a determined spectacle yesterday. He still seems happier spray-painting old socialist quotations around the books pages of *The Guardian* than in answering the cat-calls of the new left.

Kinnock has more relish for *the fight. He has set some signi*ficant markers against which his success can be judged. But hardly had he sat down than the other leaders of the Labour Party had begun to reduce his neat analyses to brute reality.

As the delegates left the hall for their evening's entertainment, the image of Mr Kinnock at the podium merged effortlessly into the neat bobbing and flapping of the late-feeding Dunlin on Blackpool beach.

Commentary • MARY DEJEVSKY

Kremlin question marks

Mikhail Gorbachov's Kremlin reshuffle, which was completed with the promotion of Aleksandr Vlasov to be prime minister of the Russian Republic on Monday, has been widely seen as a total victory for Gorbachov *personally and a defeat for his* opponents, in particular the KGB. Closer analysis suggests, however, that while Gorbachov's position has indeed been strengthened, his power is not unchallenged and that of the KGB may even have been enhanced.

One reason this aspect has been generally missed is the very rapidity with which the changes were accomplished and their masterly presentation. Another is that traditional Kremlinology — counting heads and examining career paths — has gone out of fashion as *glasnost* has made Soviet leaders look more like those in the West. The method used by Gorbachov to outflank his opponents, however — the last-minute meeting with its agenda pre-determined to the last detail — had all the hallmarks of traditional Kremlin power-broking.

It is only appropriate, therefore, that traditional methods of analysis should be applied to the leadership changes. They produce some unexpected conclusions. Before last Friday, Gorbachov appeared to have a bare majority in the 13-member Politburo, which decides policy, but a large majority in the Central Committee Secretariat (also with a membership of 13), which implements it.

After the changes, Gorbachov's position in the Politburo has improved, though not as dramatically as some have suggested. At the same time, his position in the Secretariat may be marginally weaker.

Before the Central Committee met, Gorbachov could probably count regularly on only six of the *13 Politburo votes: his own and* those of Viktor Nikonov (agriculture specialist), Nikolai Ryzhkov (prime minister), Eduard Shevardnadze (foreign minister), Nikolai Slyunkov (former first secretary in Belorussia) and Aleksandr Yakovlev (propaganda and international relations). Among candidate (non-voting) members, Gorbachov's majority was probably four to three. In the Secretariat, it would have been more like nine to four.

Looking back over the past two weeks, it appears that four key Politburo members would not have been present when the unexpected Central Committee meeting was arranged. Vorotnikov and Solomentsev were both out of the country, Shcherbitsky, the party first secretary of the Ukraine, was in Kiev and Ligachov, who had said some negative things about Gorbachov's reform policies over the summer, was on holiday. The only one of Gorbachov's allies to be absent was Shevardnadze, who was at the United Nations. Unusually, Gorbachov was left with a Politburo majority of at least five to three.

This, it appears, was enough to ensure the retirement of the leadership's *eminence grise*, Andrei Gromyko, and the much-criticized Mikhail Solomentsev (he was visiting Romania), and of two long-standing candidate members of the Politburo, Demichev and Dolgikh. All were well over 60 and had flourished under Brezhnev. Agreement on their retirement might not have been too difficult to secure.

Their removal permitted Gorbachov to bring Vadim Medve*dev into the Politburo to take* over the crucial ideology portfolio. In doing so he was able to give himself a permanent majority on the Politburo. But Medvedev's was the only promotion to full membership of the Politburo.

The significance of the changes should not be underestimated. The demise of Gromyko and Solomentsev will disarm some of their influential protegés and precipitate further changes down the ranks. But even with four key figures absent, Gorbachov's majority on the Politburo was still not sufficient to remove Ligachov (ideology chief) and Chebrikov (head of the KGB) from the centre of power.

He may not have wanted to remove them, calculating that both were less of a danger inside the leadership than outside. But while Ligachov may have been demoted, by the loss of his ideology portfolio and transfer to the new agriculture commission, Chebrikov's influence seems to have increased. He gained a seat on the Secretariat — a body which, according to Soviet spokesmen, Ligachov will continue to chair. Chebrikov thus becomes one of the eight Politburo members who also sit on the Secretariat.

The fact that the majority of Politburo and Secretariat members now belong to both bodies should mean that the two should function more harmoniously than before. But the simultaneous transfer of three Gorbachov appointees from the Secretariat to non-voting membership of the Politburo (Aleksandra Biryukova, Anatoly *Lukyanov and Aleksandr Vla*sov) means that Gorbachov has lost three guaranteed votes. Chebrikov's promotion to the Secretariat also adds another powerful opponent to the organ which oversees implementation of policy.

Nor does Chebrikov's transfer from the KGB to head a new commission on legal reform mean that he has necessarily lost influence in that quarter. Unlike Vlasov, who was transferred from the post of Interior Minister to become premier of the Russian Federation, Chebrikov clearly remains in the realm of security. As the man with the highest military rank in the leadership, it is not impossible that he also has oversight over the armed forces and the police as well as the KGB. This would make him a very powerful individual indeed.

Examined closely, the new leadership — in which the former KGB man and first secretary of Latvia, Boris Pugo, takes over from Solomentsev as chairman of the party's internal discipline body — has a stronger KGB and security representation than before. This could mean one of two things: either Gorbachov enjoys the full support of the KGB and security establishment in his bid to reform the Soviet Union, or he is uncomfortably dependent on them for support. *In the latter* case, his power is as precarious now as it has ever been.

OCT 5 — ON THIS DAY — 1953

In 1953 the air speed record was broken three times in only a month; by two Britons, Neville Duke and M.J. Lithgow, and by the US Navy pilot J.B. Verdin. Only a few years before, the highest speed attained by piston-engined aircraft was not greatly in excess of 400 mph.

U.S. Regains Air Speed Record

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Oct 4.

The world air speed record, it is announced, was won back by the United States yesterday, when a naval interceptor fighter piloted by Lieutenant-Commander J.B. Verdin averaged 753.4mph (subject to confirmation) in four runs over a measured course on the southern coast of California — a feat achieved within eight days of the British record of 737.3 mph set up in Libya with the Vickers Supermarine Swift.

The new record was established by a Douglas Skyray jet, the F.4D, developing 22,000 thrust horse-power, and this is the first time since 1947 that it has fallen to the United States Navy. The Skyray's highest speed, reached in the second run over the three-kilometre course, was timed at 761.4 mph; the others were flown at 746.07, 746.5, and 759.4 — all of them above the 745 mph required to beat the British record by at least 1 per cent, as laid down by international regulations.

The temperature along the shore of the Salton Sea was 98.4 deg. when the attempt was made, after having been postponed four times on account of fresh winds, and the speed of sound, which increases with heat, was estimated at 792 mph. The record needs formal approval by the Féderation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris . . .

Lieutenant-Commander Verdin, a wartime pilot of 35, stated afterwards that his aircraft had performed perfectly and that he was not troubled by turbulence. He estimated that he was flying at between 100 and 200 feet — the rules permit a maximum altitude of only 328 ft. — and, he said, "everything was wide open." "There was a real boost," he added, "when I turned those after-burners on" — a reference to what is in effect a second engine carried in the aft section.

Spectators, it is said, could see the glow from the after-burners about the same time that they heard the roar of the engine after the Skyray had passed. During its 20 minutes in the air between taking off and landing at the naval auxiliary air station at El Centra, the aircraft consumed about 3,500lb of fuel.

PROBLEMS IN FUTURE ATTEMPTS

By Our Aeronautical Correspondent

The Skyray's speed on its fastest run — 761.414 mph — was almost exactly the speed of sound at sea level in moderate temperatures. Sonic velocity varies with the temperature, however; the higher the temperature, the higher the speed of sound. In the prevailing temperature (98.5 deg. Fahrenheit) the Skyray's highest velocity was still some way from sonic speed but it is a remarkable achievement.

To recapture the record from the United States, the Swift or Hunter would now have to average more than 760.934 mph. Each succeeding attempt will become more difficult, because of the compressibility effects near sonic velocity, when control is affected by the unstable flow of air over the aircraft's surfaces.

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PRACTICAL POLITICS

The Labour leader has told his party that he interprets his overwhelming victory in the leadership election as a mandate and has stated with daring clarity how he intends to use it. His message was a straight challenge to all the leftist constituency activists who have this week denounced the attempt to modernize Labour's policies on the economy with a limited acceptance of market forces and who will try to prevent the evolution of defence policy towards multilateral disarmament.

Mr Kinnock's speech yesterday was an address of great confidence in which he came close to interpreting his personal mandate as a blank cheque. He also took sustenance from the conference's acceptance (by courtesy of trade union block votes) of both the policy review papers and the constitutional changes which were laid before it.

The latter are designed to move Labour towards becoming a mass party based on one member one vote, with lessened dependence on union block votes and with the balance of power in the constituency parties shifted away from unrepresentative left-wing activists towards the broad base of party members. This will be a slow business but to the extent that it works it should gradually give the leader and his colleagues more scope to interpret policy in terms of electoral reality.

It was a sign of Mr Kinnock's renewed confidence that he felt free to discard the jokes and verbosity which have handicapped earlier speeches. There were no easy jibes at Mrs Thatcher and not even a mention of Mr Ashdown or Dr Owen. Instead, where he spoke of Mrs Thatcher it was in order to read a lesson in pragmatic politics to his own followers. Those who regarded economic efficiency as a threat to social justice, he argued, were just as wrong as the Government who seemed to regard social justice as a threat to efficiency.

He preached his doctrine of social ownership and justice in terms of public and private, government and market, working together and he declared Labour to be the real party of the individual whom it protected through the "community". The European Community itself was embraced as "social Europe" and Mrs Thatcher's conversion to green politics was scorned.

But it was above all on defence that Mr Kinnock hammered home his demand for pragmatism. According to Mr Kinnock, the superpowers' INF Treaty has changed everything, the road is open to reductions in strategic nuclear and conventional weapons, and Labour must participate in a process to end dependence on nuclear weapons everywhere. But that meant it must be in power and produce policies making power a possibility.

Neither on defence nor on domestic policy, however, did Mr Kinnock advance the sum of knowledge on practical details, and the reality remains that the interim reviews on domestic policy leave more unanswered than answered. Moreover the review paper on defence will not be ready until next year and, whatever embarrassments flow from the challenge of the unilateralist left in today's debate, it remains a wholly open question whether acceptability to the party or the wishes and needs of the public will be the decisive criterion.

Mr Kinnock has travelled a long way from the rhetoric of the CND and nationalizing idealogue by which he rose to the position of pragmatist in search of power. He is not the first political leader to be so transformed and it does not necessarily follow that subjecting the heart to the discipline of the head will produce unconvincing politics. Yet he still has behind him a party of activists resistant to the call of real politics, above all on defence, and which sees all its cherished prejudices in danger.

The Labour leader faces the same old search for compromise between party and nation on economic and defence policy which has bedevilled the efforts of past leaders to gain power and which has led to policy-making which is not credible. It is, of course, in the interests of the Labour Party that it should be dragged kicking and screaming into the world of real politics. Mr Kinnock has taken the first step in that direction. It is also in the interests of the nation that there should be an Opposition party capable of government.

But Labour's claim to that role remains to be demonstrated. Mr Kinnock has told his party what broad positions are necessary if it is to stand a chance of power. But it is wholly in the realm of speculation whether Labour is capable of producing policies which will stand up to the critical scrutiny of an election campaign and the wishes of the voters.

A DIFFERENT IRELAND

Today marks an anniversary which to many in Britain will seem grim and remote. Twenty years ago, the infant civil rights campaign in Northern Ireland became, in the space of a few violent hours, headlines around the world. Policemen in dark coats batoned demonstrators whose cause echoed several others from around the world in the sixties.

Wherever the pictures went, they conveyed a simple tableau of (Protestant) oppressors and (Catholic) victims. By virtue of its simplicity and emotive power, this tableau eventually dismantled the Unionist power which had ruled the province for its half century of life.

The picture was not inaccurate: the civil rights movement may have been infiltrated by Republican extremists, but they did not control it until much later. The crowd was large and excitable, but it was not malign nor beyond control. Badly-trained and poorly-led policemen fell back on sectarian instinct and reacted with stupid brutality.

The problem with the images which speeded around the world from Londonderry that afternoon was that they have lingered in the memory long after the reality in Northern Ireland has moved on. Anyone tempted to think that little has changed in 20 years should test that assumption by asking the question: what would happen now if the events of early October 1968 were played out again?

The emotions which brought thousands on to the streets have now been tempered by exhaustion. They have also been attenuated by the knowledge of the unintended and indirect consequences of the original civil rights campaign: it triggered off events which in turn gave birth to the Provisional IRA. The principal demands of the civil rights marchers have been met, while the nationalist claim to a united Ireland has not.

A Republican cause, save for the exceptional occasions of hunger-strike funerals, no longer brings large numbers to the streets. Political decision-making today would be more mature and based on better advice: such a march would not be banned without the police having the means to enforce the ban. Police methods, intelligence and leadership have been improved by two decades of experience.

Such changes have hardly brought Northern Ireland to a state of perfect peace. But they underline the fact that the original image imprinted on the public mind by October 5, 1968, belongs in the history books and in IRA propaganda sheets.

Acts of injustice and unfairness may continue. The vast array of physical and legal anti-terrorist powers needs scrutiny; patterns of employment laid down in past years continue to discriminate against Catholics. Other problems with origins in the years of Unionist hegemony may still arise; terrorism and counter-terrorism generate fresh dilemmas over the balance between individual liberty and the power of the State.

But it is irredentist Republican terrorism which in 1988 is the root cause of those dilemmas. Within two years of the Londonderry march, many of the original civil rights campaigners had faded away. Some had been frightened by the far more violent forces which had come to the defence of Catholic communities which were threatened by loyalist violence. Others had seen their demands met at least half-way.

By then, the IRA had seen its opportunity to breed a new generation of bitterness at the misdeeds of British domination, which "proved" that the injustices of the past continued and nothing had changed. The IRA's sustained campaign of death and disinformation extends to this day, but it has nothing in common with either the purpose or the spirit which took people to the streets 20 years ago.

PINOCHET'S BEQUEST

The Chilean Government blows the dust off its ballot boxes today, as voters take their first step towards democracy for 15 years. The direction they will take remains uncertain, but it is crucial to the future of their country that nobody tries to trip them on the way.

The issue in their national plebiscite is clear. If more than 50 per cent of them vote "yes", they can look forward to eight more years of General Pinochet. Even a "no" vote would leave him in power until 1990, whereupon he should, under the Constitution, be replaced by an elected leader.

According to most opinion polls over the summer, this is the option that Chileans will choose. But two Government polls this week have given General Pinochet a narrow lead of between 5 and 6 per cent. Despite his notorious record on human rights since he seized power after a violent coup in 1973, three factors could still swing the electorate behind him.

In the first place, he has made an attempt to change his spots, promising to govern in future as a democrat and allowing his political opponents back from exile. Two opposition daily newspapers, three weeklies and a clutch of radio stations have been allowed to flourish in the new climate. How far he might continue along these lines is open to question. But he will have swayed some doubting voters.

In the second place, the economy is booming. Foreign investment has grown, inflation has fallen and unemployment has shrunk from around 25 per cent to not much more than 8 per cent. Conditions for Chilean workers have generally improved.

The Christian Democrats, the main non-Communist opposition group, have significantly felt the need to reassure people that, if eventually elected, they would not overturn the achievements of the Pinochet years. The plebiscite may be seen outside Chile as being about democratic government and human rights, but it does not appear quite like that in Santiago — still less so in less politicized country towns.

In the third place, General Pinochet has reminded Chile that a "no" vote would mean a period of uncertainty. Opposition parties, united in their detestation of the dictatorship, remain divided in other respects. They are also short of recent political experience (if through no fault of their own). Given the choice between a new genial Pinochet promising order and a divided opposition threatening chaos, many will opt for the former.

Whether in the end they will have much choice, is still debatable. More than 1,200 people have been arrested, 102 wounded and three killed during the plebiscite campaign, according to human rights organizations. Some 800 were arrested on one day alone (during demonstrations against the nomination of General Pinochet as the only candidate in the plebiscite).

Such allegations put about by opposition groups need to be treated with caution. But the United States is reported to be concerned that the junta and its supporters might be tempted to spoil the plebiscite should it become clear that General Pinochet is losing. The long delay before any result is expected makes the possibility of interference that much greater.

Any suspicion that the ballot had been rigged or spoiled would be the worst of all possible outcomes for Chile. The Pinochet regime must recognize that the time has come for an orderly and swift return to full democracy. Indeed, this is long overdue and General Pinochet could do his country no greater service than to ensure its safe return.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gaps in the Eliot correspondence

From Mrs Valerie Eliot

Sir, In his review of *The Letters of T. S. Eliot* (September 29), Peter Ackroyd criticised me for not including a letter to Richard Aldington of April 7, 1921, which, in fact, I had never seen. As Mr Ackroyd attributed the ownership of this letter to the University of Texas in his biography of my husband (1984), I telephoned the librarian of the Humanities Research Center, who assured me, after careful checking, that it was not in their Aldington collection. Mr Ackroyd has now sent my publishers a photocopy of his copy, which I understand he received from a friend who owns the original.

The letter runs to about 400 words. In it Eliot thanks Aldington for flowers which he has sent to his first wife, Vivien, advises him on placing his work ("The *Statesman* . . . is the 'thing' to write for"), and seeks his advice on how to find "a tiny country cottage" which "might be just the saving of my wife's health". Its political comment is confined to the final paragraph, of which a transcript is given below; misspellings and obvious typing mistakes have been corrected.

> I fear that in a day or two our communications will be stopped by the [coal] strike, for god knows how long. Having only contempt for every existing political party, and profound hatred for democracy, I feel the blackest gloom. Whatever happens will be another step toward the destruction of Europe. The whole of contemporary politics etc oppresses me with a continuous physical horror like the feeling of growing madness in one's brain. It is rather a horror to be sane in the midst of this; it is too dreadful, too huge, for one to have the comforting feeling of superiority. It goes too far for rage.

The entire letter will be included in an appendix to volume two of *The Letters of T. S. Eliot*.

Yours sincerely,
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3 Queen Square, WC1.
October 3.

From Mr Michael Hastings

Sir, The missing letter by Eliot belongs to the Maurice Haigh Wood estate. Maurice was Eliot's brother-in-law, and he allowed me to see the letter in 1979. I carefully referred to it in my introduction to the play, *Tom and Viv*, in 1984, and Peter Ackroyd specifically mentioned it in his Eliot biography of that year.

It is no surprise to learn that there are many letters missing from the first volume of Eliot's letters. I know, for instance, that as recently as 1980 there existed a considerable batch of his correspondence with the late Sacheverel Sitwell, dating from the 1920s, none of which has yet appeared. Lack of scholarship and attention to detail continues, it seems, to bedevil the Eliot estate.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HASTINGS,
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Brixton Hill, SW2.
October 2.

Henry Moore film

From the Chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Arts

Sir, Sir Stephen Spender has been a distinguished friend of the Institute of Contemporary Arts for a long time. I very much hope he still is. He and that remarkable patron of the arts, Sir Robert Sainsbury, both dislike the film about Henry Moore which was made by us and jointly financed by the Henry Moore Foundation and Channel 4 (letters, September 24).

I think Sir Stephen has always known that the film was intended to be a discussion of Henry Moore's time and his contribution to it and not a simple eulogy. That intention must be a proper one for an institute such as ours and the consequence may sometimes, like life itself, be less than perfect, however great the artist.

However the quoted content of the film was undoubtedly contributed by each of the participants, including Sir Stephen, and was not in our view edited speciously. We would like to show the full interviews from which the edited version derived and to discuss them publicly at the ICA if Sir Stephen would like to come and defend his anxiety. The subject deserves further discussion and the film has attracted as much praise as blame.

Yours sincerely,
LAURENCE HARBOTTLE,
Chairman,
Institute of Contemporary Arts,
The Mall, SW1.

Soviet visa

From Professor Elias Pinsker

Sir, As a follow up to my letters to you dated February 25, 1988 (published March 16) and June 16 (published July 21), I'm informing you that on September 7 I received a new refusal to my application for emigration to Israel. The written statement signed by I. A. Karakulko, deputy chief of the Moscow City visa department, reads:

> Your request about leaving for a permanent residence to Israel has been considered. Refusal issued in accordance to s25A of the Statute 1064 of Aug. 28 1986 of the Council of Ministers of the USSR.

The above mentioned paragraph refers to State secrets and "other reasons" which might affect the security of the State. So much for *perestroika*, *glasnost* and "new thinking".

Yours faithfully,
ELIAS PINSKER,
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Moscow, USSR.
September 15.

Future of the Social Democrats

From Mr Neville Sandelson and Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, Recent speculation that Dr David Owen may be seeking to construct an anti-Conservative electoral coalition is somewhat disturbing. Since neither the Labour nor the Liberal (now Democrat) leaderships evince any desire to deliver their parties into such an arrangement, an alliance of that kind would seem no more than a pipe dream. It would in any event be profoundly undesirable, not least because it would be based upon such irreconcilable philosophies as to be unprincipled.

As founder members of the SDP we, like many others from our Gaitskellite political tradition, have spent a political lifetime seeking a social transformation of our country. Radicals of all parties should now accept that the new radicalism introduced progressively since 1979 has not only led to economic success but also, for the first time in memory, to the potential for a more open, mobile and classless society.

The old left-of-centre consensus can now be seen for what it was: a deeply reactionary system which not only failed economically but also froze social structures and preserved ancient hierarchies. Any attempt by the SDP and its leader to revive post-war Keynesianism through a new left-of-centre alliance would be inappropriate as well as doomed to failure.

Radicals did not break with Labour, and then with the Liberals, in order that we should seek for reasons of total artificiality to recreate the very collectivist alliance that caused Britain's problems in the first place.

In spite of the ambiguities with which Dr Owen tends to shroud many of his public utterances, it must seem to those who know him well, and to many others, that his personal political inclinations can only lead him to acknowledge the Thatcherite achievements since 1979. It must also be apparent to Dr Owen that while an economic breakthrough has been achieved, much remains to be done in reforming many of our social and institutional rigidities.

Dr Owen needs now to make up his mind where his true instincts and principles can best be deployed in the national interest. Is it not time that he and the group he leads, who still have much to offer British politics, should seek to work with Tory radicalism rather than against it?

Yours faithfully,
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October 1.

Hong Kong's future

From Sir Peter Blaker, MP for Blackpool South (Conservative)

Sir, The most depressing thing about Bernard Levin's article on Hong Kong (September 26) was his premise that after Hong Kong returns to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 the whole nature and tone of life in the territory will change dramatically for the worse; in short, that communism will be imposed.

This makes a number of unfounded assumptions. First, either that the Chinese did not mean it when they agreed in the Joint Declaration of 1984 that Hong Kong will continue to be run by Hong Kong people and its existing way of life will continue, or that they will not keep their word.

Second, that China will be shortsighted enough to allow Hong Kong's economic value to China, now immense and growing every month, to be destroyed. Third, that China does not understand the importance of making a success of Hong Kong after 1987 as an example to the rulers of Taiwan to rejoin with the mainland.

I believe all three assumptions to be false. Judging from the fact that Hong Kong's economy has grown by 30 per cent in the last three years, so do many people in Hong Kong.

What strikes me as remarkable is the desire and ability of the Chinese authorities to learn. When I was involved during the first Thatcher Government in the negotiations which led to the Joint Declaration, the Chinese showed little understanding of how a free enterprise society works or of the importance of confidence. Now they are the biggest outside investors in Hong Kong.

A similar evolution is apparent in the thoroughness of the consultative process which the Chinese authorities are conducting on the Basic Law. Leading Chinese officials have spent long periods in Hong Kong gathering reactions to the first draft and it seems to me clear that they genuinely welcome the comments of Hong Kong people.

I agree with Mr Sieghart (October 2) that some important articles of the draft especially those concerning the power of interpretation of the Basic Law and related matters, need amendment. I am encouraged by the fact that senior Chinese officials have themselves made clear that they expect significant changes to be made in the second draft next year.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BLAKER,
House of Commons.
October 3.

From Vice-Admiral Sir John Roxburgh

Sir, In his admirable column, Bernard Levin has drawn attention to the plight of the people of Hong Kong and proposed an initiative to help resettle those who see no future once sovereignty has been transferred to the People's Republic of China in 1997.

The Friends of Hong Kong Committee was set up 2½ years ago on the initiative of the late Dr K. W. Watkins and Brian Crozier to draw continuous attention to that plight. The unfolding story is carefully and objectively presented in the committee's quarterly publication, *The Hong Kong Monitor*.

Mr Levin is surely right in proposing an international convention to facilitate the resettlement of those citizens of Hong Kong who wish to take their talents and industry elsewhere, and that any such initiative should be the responsibility of the British Government.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ROXBURGH (Chairman, Friends of Hong Kong Committee),
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September 26.

Student loan schemes

From Mr John Barnes and Dr Nicholas Barr

Sir, The Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, Sir Mark Richmond, has responded to Kenneth Baker's support for "fees competition" for universities (report, September 29) by saying that they are looking for additional funding.

May we make two points. First, if there is to be much wider access to higher education it is crucial that the vice-chancellors not only support a loan scheme, but the right sort of loan scheme — that is, one which is readily extendable. Commercial loans, apart from being unfair, have one major drawback, the fact that the Treasury guarantee would have to be renegotiated each time it was extended to a fresh class of student.

A loan scheme with income-related repayments, as advocated by one of us in *The Times* (article, July 28) and since elaborated in our paper for the recent LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science) conference on higher education, has the great advantage that, with relatively little money up front, it could speedily be extended to those in search of additional qualifications, to mature students and eventually to all those currently in receipt of non-mandatory awards (or refused them on grounds of financial exigency).

A second point for Sir Mark and his colleagues to consider: raising fees for home students to an economic level, with offsetting Government bursaries, would enable universities and polytechnics to recruit widely in Europe at no cost to the British taxpayer, something which current financial arrangements effectively preclude.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARNES,
NICHOLAS BARR,
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
September 30.

Schools and industry

From Mr G. R. G. Turnbull

Sir, Although it is interesting to learn that Kenneth Baker's mother knew the milkman sufficiently well to allow him, as a schoolboy, to visit a milk-bottling plant, the implication of your report (September 29) would suggest that nothing is being done to bring industry and education together. This is quite untrue. Many schools are working in collaboration with industry in an appropriate way and to the advantage of both parties.

Some examining boards are also aware of the advantages of working with industry. My own board, for example, has employer representation on its advisory committees which allows industry to have a voice in the preparation of our syllabuses and examination papers.

In addition to this, 14 major companies have for the last three years co-sponsored an annual seminar which bring 200 heads of companies and heads of schools together to discuss matters relevant to industry/education cooperation. Various initiatives have emerged from these occasions.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE R. G. TURNBULL
(Director, Industrial Liaison),
The Associated Examining Board,
Stag Hill House,
Guildford, Surrey.

Highway hypnosis

From Mr D. C. Mowat

Sir, A specialist witness for the defendant in a recent motoring accident which claimed the lives of two women suggested that he was "hypnotised by road markings" (report, September 28).

Evidence was given that he drove over 90,000 miles a year. Taking a 48-week working year and a driving average of 40 mph, he appears to be at the wheel of his car for over nine hours every working day. One wonders when he finds time to perform his duties as a chartered surveyor, but of much greater concern is the question of driving fatigue. If motorway accidents are to be reduced, shouldn't there be a limit on the private motorist's daily time and distance covered?

Yours faithfully,
D. C. MOWAT,
7 Freshfield Road,
Formby, Liverpool 37.

German grapes, sweet and sour

From Dr Franz Werner Michel

Sir, "Pessimism kills favourable development like frost on spring flowers" — a truism indeed and pointedly so with respect to the judgemental critique presented by *The Times* wine columnist, Jane MacQuitty (Review, September 24). Her report criticises the situation of yester-year and underestimates not only the promising changes taking place in today's market, but also the optimistic expectation for tomorrow.

The amendment of the wine legislation is not sticking "in the tangled web of Teutonic bureaucracy" but is subject to the necessary time-consuming process of parliamentary discussion. The Federal Government's latest proposal has passed the first reading in the Bundestag (Federal Parliament) and is now on the agenda for the relevant committee. This is democracy at work, as in any other country. More importantly, however, the producers and the market react much faster than legislation and Government.

At this month's German Wine Trade Fair an overwhelming proportion of high classification specialities from individual producers was evident for all to see; so were a remarkable proportion of elegant Rieslings in the dry style and simplified labels, with plain, informative designations and English translations where necessary. All is this possible now, within the existing legal framework.

Finally, there is no reason to discriminate against Liebfraumilch. It is a fruity, light white wine favoured by a broad segment of the public who have perhaps not yet discovered the variety and regionality of German wines loved and enjoyed by, as yet, a smaller number of wine connoisseurs.

It is more realistic to liken Liebfraumilch to the reliable Volkswagen, whilst comparing estate-bottled specialities to a BMW. The English consumer has the opportunity to select one or the other. *Chacun à son goût.*

Yours etc.,
FRANZ WERNER MICHEL,
Co-director, Deutsches Wein Institut GmbH,
Gutenbergplatz 35,
Mainz, West Germany.
September 30.

From Mr Hugh Johnson

Sir, Because the German wine industry has invented an immensely popular drink (it has 40 per cent of the UK wine market) Jane MacQuitty is contemptuous of the quality of virtually all German wine. Does she dismiss virtually all French wine because the French, in turn, have invented an immensely popular (but frequently foul) new drink they are pleased to call Beaujolais Nouveau?

Yours,
HUGH JOHNSON,
Saling Hall,
Great Saling, Essex.
September 27.

Women bishops

From Lady Stansgate

Sir, In his insistence on the "maleness" of God and the consequent necessity for a solely male priesthood, I fear that your correspondent Mr George West (September 28) is somewhat selective in his choice of texts.

May I draw his attention to a passage which complements and balances those that he quotes. It is to be found in Isaiah lxvi, 12-13 and reads: "For thus saith the Lord . . . As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you".

The fight of women for spiritual equality has been long and hard and full of misunderstanding of scripture itself, especially of St Paul.

As one who has supported this great cause for over 70 years I join Mrs Mayland (September 28) with all my heart in believing that there is, indeed, "joy in Heaven" today!

Yours truly,
MARGARET STANSGATE,
10 North Court,
Great Peter Street, SW1.
September 29.

Mammoth task

From Mr E. S. Turner

Sir, The article by George Hill (September 28) describing the ingenuity of the Ukranian mammoth hunters in providing themselves with shelter, poses a question regarding the mammoths' diet.

In such a bleak, treeless and, presumably, shrubless landscape, what did those vast animals eat?

Yours faithfully,
E. S. TURNER,
2 Seapoint Road,
Broadstairs, Kent.
September 29.

The fax fairy

From Mr Everard Whitehouse

Sir, The following letter was placed on my desk by my daughter, she having just lost a tooth:

> Dear Daddy, Will you send a fax to the tooth fairy for me, Love from Helen xxx.

Precocious infant! Next time, no doubt, I will be asked for a hard-copy print-out.

Yours faithfully,
EVERARD WHITEHOUSE,
106 Sutton Court,
Chiswick, W4.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon attended the Northern Supporters' Conference at the International Centre, Harrogate.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at Leeds and Bradford Airport by Her Majesty's Vice-Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Major-General H. G. Woods).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala performance of *Don Quixote* given by Northern Ballet Theatre, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool.

Her Royal Highness was received at Liverpool Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander K. M. Stoddart).

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Whitehead.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, this afternoon visitd The Grange Centre, Bookham, Surrey, and opened "Gloucester Lodge", the new retirement units.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Finedon Community Sports and Leisure Centre and the new Playground at South End Junior School, Northamptonshire. His Royal Highness, President, Northamptonshire Archaeological Society, later visited the Raunds Archaeological Projects.

The Duke of Gloucester, attended by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 4: The Duke of Kent, President, today visited offices of the Business and Technician Education Council, London WC1.

Captain Charles Page was in attendance.

A memorial service for the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster today at noon.

A memorial service for Dr Edward George West ,OBE, will be held at St Margaret, Lotherbury, EC2, at noon on Tuesday, October 18.

A service to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the British Paediatric Association will take place in Westminster Abbey at 3.00 pm on October 12. All are welcome.

Latest wills

Sir Ranulph Robert Maunsell **Bacon**, of Hove, East Sussex, former Deputy Commissioner at New Scotland Yard, left estate valued at £203,424 net.

Mr John Lionel **Pegler**, of Wilcrick, Magor, Gwent, left estate valued at £2,403,959 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr David Harold **Sharp**, of Chilmark, Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,075,137 net.

Mr John Wallace Victor **Hardwick**, of West Ewell, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,785,594 net.

Mr Alfred Jacques **Bloomberg**, of Lytham, Lancashire, company director, left estate valued at £1,244,640 net.

Mr Frederick John William **Wingfield Digby**, of Sherborne, Dorset, former chief designer of Westland aircraft, left estate valued at £235,193 net.

Mr Carl Alfred **Erhardt**, of Esher, Surrey, captain of the British ice hockey team at the 1936 Olympics and founder of the British Water Ski Federation, left estate valued at £171,706 net.

Mr John **Squires**, of Ponteland, Northumberland, company director, left estate valued at £1,066,016 net.

Mrs Winifred Jessie **Armstrong**, of Cambridge, left estate valued at £2,487,310 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Richard William **Bull**, of Moulsoe, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,692,605 net.

Mrs Anna **Horn**, of Golders Green, London, left estate valued at £1,173,184 net.

Dr Tony **Swain**, of Winscombe, Avon, plant biochemist, left estate valued at £79,376 net.

Mrs Florence Maria **Fretwell**, of North Wingfield, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £1,056,206 net.

Church news

Church in Wales

The Rev Caroline Mary Evans, Assistant Curate, Caernarfon (Llanbeblig) with Betws Garmon with Waunfawr, to be Deacon in Charge, Bodedern with Llechylched with Ceirchiog with Llanfihangel yn Nhywyn with Caergeiliog with Llechcynfarwy, Anglesey, Gwynedd, diocese of Bangor.

Judge retires

Mr Justice Sheldon retired from the High Court Bench yesterday. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1939, and was appointed a county court judge in 1968 and a High Court judge in 1978.

Pseudo Pier Francesco Fiorentino: The Madonna adoring the Child. Tempera on panel 35 x 20 ins. Sold in July for £30,000.

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Horticulture

Camellias for Christmas

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

This Christmas pot-grown camellias will be competing with more traditional pot plants, such as azaleas and cyclamen.

They were among the new range of pot plants which made their debut at the trade-only International Flower Trades' exhibition at Alexandra Palace, London, which closed last night.

The camellias, which are forced into flower for the festive season, were featured by Duncan Davies (UK), of Chichester, West Sussex. The company reported considerable interest in New Zealand tree ferns, which make ideal cool conservatory specimens.

New coloured calla lillies (zantedeschia) from New Zealand (shown by Top Line Nurseries of New Zealand) with yellow, red or pink sail-like flowers are promising pot plants for warm rooms and have been treated with growth retardants to keep them dwarf.

Vesutor Airplants, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, showed a range of unusual micro-plants – small plants in glass tubes. The range includes pineapple, dwarf banana, coffee plants and passion fruits. This is the application of serious technology (micro propagation) to the consumer market. It is easier to get these small plants established than trying to raise them from seed.

With the boom in conservatories, interest in large tropical plants has never been greater and this trend as reflected at the exhibition. Florispania, of Barcelona, Spain, one of the big suppliers to Europe, featured giant palms, crotons and other flamboyant home plants.

Carnation blooms naturally have a vase life of 12 to 15 days in the average living room but when treated with a silver thiosulphate solution by the producers, this extends to 28 days. Treated carnations were launched at the exhibition by Fresh Life Marketing, of Fleet, Hampshire, who expect considerable interest from retailers.

Handsome profit on a Peploe

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Jonathan Clark, the London dealer who paid a world record price of £127,000 for a work by the Scottish colourist S.J. Peploe last spring, has sold it for more than £250,000 at the 20th century British Art Fair.

"The market has travelled to meet this price", said Mr Clark yesterday, calling attention to the £241,500 achieved in August for a work by F.C.B. Cadell, to his mind a lesser artist from the same group. "Our client, who comes from abroad, wants to remain secret because he is rather a big collector of modern British art," Mr Clark added.

The fair, which has just closed in London, was deemed such a success, with more than 500 pictures sold, that it will now become an annual event.

Coin collectors are gathering in London for the Coinex 88, Britain's biggest coin fair, which opens tomorrow at the Marriot hotel with 80 stands.

Meanwhile, the auction houses have been successfully absorbing some of their spare cash, with their own synchronized sales.

Top price at Christie's coin sale was paid by Ronald J. Jillio, a Californian dealer, who bid £26,070 (double the upper estimate) for a Mutsuhito 20-yen piece. Japan got its own back in respect of the second highest lot when Mr Ishii, a dealer, bought a 17th century German 20-ducat piece right on its lower estimate, for £8,800.

Yesterday, Glendinings completed its two-day venture with a total of £259,094 and 10 percent unsold.

Top lot was an 1839 £5 piece showing the profiled head of the young Queen Victoria. It was bought for £15,500 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) by a London dealer. American dealers were actively buying Roman coins, one paying £4,620 (estimate up to £2,200) for one bearing the laureate head of Maxentius, and another £2,500 (double its estimate) for a coin showing Constantine I the Great as Caesar. Both were from the collection of Ancient Roman silver coins formed by the late E.J. W. Hillyard.

But the Americans backed out altogether when an 1850 proof set for various American coins, such as the silver dollar and half-dollar, came up. Estimated at £10,000 to £12,000, they were bought in at £7,500. This was surprising as "£12,000 was the going rate a month ago" as a spokesman said.

The final coin sales come up at Spink and Sotheby's today.

A new magazine providing information about stolen art and antiques is being launched this month. Called *Trace*, it will be the first such comprehensive source for the police and the art trade. "We have been in touch with all the dealers in Britain, as well as loss adjustors, restorers and the thousand or so police forces, to whom we are giving free copies", said Tom Linton, the magazine's editor.

The service could well save certain dealers from financial straights. "In a case earlier this year, a dealer who bought a stolen painting in good faith was ordered by the courts to return it to the owner," said Mr Linton. "When he failed on appeal to retain the painting, he was forced into liquidation."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.W. Heathcoat Amory and the Hon A.J. Borwick
The engagement is announced between Charles William, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Heathcoat Amory, Bt, DSO, and Margaret Lady Heathcoat Amory, of Tiverton, Devon, and Angela Jane, eldest daughter of Major Lord Borwick, MC, and Lady Borwick, of Lower Minchingdown, Black Dog, Crediton, Devon.

Mr A.R. Stakis and Miss M. McMahon
The engagement is announced between Andros, elder son of Sir Reo and Lady Stakis, Pollokshields, Glasgow, and Barbara, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank McMahon, Knightswood, Glasgow.

Mr A.M. Bell and Miss N.E. Gale
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mrs S. Bell, of Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Gale, of Purbrook Heath, Hampshire.

Commander T.H. Boycott, RN and Mrs S.K. Baker
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of the late Mr J.M. Boycott and of Mrs E.M. Boycott, of Carlton-in-Cleveland, and Sally, younger daughter of the late Mr A.C. Elstone and of Mrs K. Elstone, of Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Mr M.L. Cooper and Miss A.M. Perrott
The engagement is announced between Michael Laurence, only son of Mr and Mrs H.W. Cooper, Marylebone, London, and Aideen Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.V. Perrott, Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr P.E. Cosslett and Miss A. Andrews
The engagement is announced between Paul Edward, son of Mr and Mrs John Cosslett, Long Eaton, Nottingham, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denys Andrews, Auchairne, Ballantrae.

Mr H.P. Curlender and Miss E.M. Sturrock
The engagement is announced between Hyam Peter, only son of Mrs Sara Curlender Arakie, of New York, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Sturrock, of Edinburgh.

Mr D. Fu-Tong and Miss V.F.J. McCallum
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Fu-Tong, of 1 Bis Rue Jean Mermoz, Paris, and Victoria Felicity Jill, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs George McCallum, of Mount Gerald, Dingwall, Scotland.

Mr R.H.W. Galbraith and Miss S.J. Parry
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs H.G.R. Galbraith, lately of Clachan, Argyll, and Sara, youngest daughter of the late Mr Peter Parry and Mrs Parry, of Whitebarnes, Furneaux Pelham, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.R. Hyder and Miss S.L. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr Robert J. Hyder and Mrs Delia Hyder, of Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and Sally-Louise, only daughter of Mr John R. Goodman and Mrs Robin Goodman, now at Scarista, Isle of Harris.

Mr M.H.R. Littlewood and Miss Y.P. Webb
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Littlewood, of South Milford, Yorkshire, and Yvonne, third daughter of Mr Haydn Webb, BEM, and the late Mrs Veronica Webb, of Kew Gardens, Surrey.

Mr J.A. MacNish Porter and Miss N.K. Lane
The engagement is announced between James Alexander, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M.R. MacNish Porter, of Elsrickle, Lanarkshire, and Nancy Kathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lane, of Shenfield, Essex.

Mr J.A. Noble and Ms S.M. Forsyth
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Noble, of Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Forsyth, of East Bentleigh, Melbourne, Australia.

Marriage

Mr C. O'Duffy and Miss S-J. Tanyar
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 27, 1988, at the Northaw Parish Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, of Mr Conor O'Duffy, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Duffy, of Newick, Sussex, to Miss Sarah-Jane Tanyar, daughter of Mr and Mrs Yalkin Tanyar, of Cuffley, Hertfordshire. The Rev Nicholas Champain officiated, assisted by Father G.T. Burke.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Aisling O'Duffy, Miss Sacha Tanyar, Miss Rebecca Tanyar and Felicity and Natalie Howell. Mr Ken Howell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon was spent in Spain and Italy.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a reception held last night at Lancaster House for those attending the Pacific Environmental Conference.

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle for "Enterprise in Scotland".

Fulbright Commission
Mrs Charles H. Price II presented the 1988 Fulbright Arts Fellowship Award in Playwriting to Mr Robert Holman at a reception held last night at Winfield House.

Memorial service

Brigadier Peter Young
A memorial service for Brigadier Peter Young was held yesterday at St Mary's, Ripple, near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. The Rev Frank R. Higgins officiated, assisted by Canon Keble Thomas. Dr John Adair read the lesson and Dr Alistair Bantock gave an address.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr George Vassiliou, President of Cyprus. The other guests were:

Mr George Iacovou, the High Commissioner for Cyprus, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, the Hon Humphrey Maud and Mr Charles Powell.

Birthdays today

Sir Raymond Appleyard, biologist, 66; Mr Robin Bailey, actor, 69; Colonel Sir Hugh Brassey, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, 73; Professor Sir Malcolm Brown, geologist, 63; Mr Ray Clemence, footballer, 40; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, former chairman, Ferranti, 61; Sir John Dent, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 65; Mr Bob Geldof, rock singer and initiator, Band Aid, 37; the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, 52; Judge Lewis Hawser, QC, Senior Official Referee, 72; Lord Holderness, 68; Miss Elly Jansen, founder, Richmond Fellowship, 59; Miss Glynis Johns, actress, 65; Mr Robert Kee, broadcaster, 69; Mr Herbert Kretzmer, journalist and lyricist, 63; Mrs Kate Losinska, trades unionist, 64; Mr David Mellor, silversmith and designer, 58; Mr Bruce Millan, MP, 61; Sir Edward Peck, diplomat, 73; Mr Donald Pleasence, actor, 69; Sir Douglas Ranger, otolaryngologist, 72; Sir John Rodgers, former MP, 82; Sir Richard Thompson, former MP, 76; Mr Dave Watson, footballer, 42; Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley, former Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 77.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, will visit Heathfield School, Middlesex, at 2.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open Coalville Community Hospital, Leicester, at 2.05 and will visit Wyggeston's Hospital at 3.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedfordshire, at 10.30; and Silsoe College at 2.25.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Westmead Residential home, Tavistock Road, W11, at 10.00, and Mary Seacole House, W11, at 10.55.

Royal Navy promotions

The provisional selections for promotion on the Special Duties List and Supplementary List (to Lieutenant Commander and Commander), Royal Marines and in the Women's Royal Naval Service to date October 1, announced on March 31, are confirmed with the exception of Acting Lieutenant Commander T. J. Pearce RN SD(X), who has declined promotion.

The provisional selections for promotion in the Royal Naval Reserve and Women's Royal Naval Reserve to date September 30, announced on June 30, are confirmed.

Women's Royal Naval Service
The following provisional selection for promotion has been made to date 1 April 1989:

TO SUPERINTENDENT – No selections.

TO CHIEF OFFICER: J P Stellingworth.

The following selections for promotion have been made to date 1 October 1988:

TO FIRST OFFICER: M E J Tate; J P K Durean.

Gallantry award for bomb team

Captain Christopher Goddard and Corporal Gary Fisher, of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD), based at Chatham, Kent, have been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for defusing a one-ton German bomb found near Tower Bridge, London, in June.

OBITUARIES

GENERAL SIR PETER HUNT

Army chief who declined Field Marshal's baton

General Sir Peter Hunt, KCB, DSO, OBE, who died on October 2 at the age of 72, was a successful and distinguished commander in the Borneo operations in 1964 and later became Chief of the General Staff.

On his retirement in 1976, Hunt declined the customary promotion to Field Marshal as the Army's most senior officer. His decision, he explained at the time, was not intended as a political gesture: he did not think it a good idea to accept such a promotion at a time when officers and men were being made redundant because of manpower cuts in the defence review. It meant he left the Army with a lower pension than the half pay entitlement of a Field Marshal.

Peter Mervyn Hunt was born in London on March 11, 1916 and was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst.

Commissioned into the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1935, he served during the Second World War in the Middle East and North–West Europe. He commanded the 7th battalion Seaforth Highlanders from 1944 to 1945, in which year he was awarded the DSO.

In 1948 Hunt was one of the first British officers to attend a course at the American Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and was instructor at the Staff College, Camberley, from 1952 to 1955 and the Imperial Defence College from 1956 to 1957.

He was given command of the 1st battalion Cameron Highlanders from 1957 to 1960 when, as a brigadier, he commanded an infantry brigade in 51st Highland Division (TA), after which he served for two years as Chief of Staff Scottish Command.

Hunt was promoted major-general in 1964 and held the appointments of GOC 17th Gurkha Division, Commander Land Forces Borneo, and Major-General Brigade of Gurkhas from 1964-65. He was particularly successful in the Far East, where his conduct of operations in Borneo earned him great praise. The Gurkhas loved him and he returned their affection in full measure.

After the campaign in Borneo, Hunt became Commandant of Sandhurst from 1966-68. While there he suffered a great personal loss by the death, after a long illness, of his wife.

Hunt returned to the Far East as Commander Land Forces with the rank of lieutenant-general in 1968. He was promoted general in December 1970 when he became Commander Northern Army Group and C-in-C BAOR, where he remained until succeeding Sir Michael (later Lord) Carver as Chief of the General Staff in 1973. His qualities were regarded as just what the Army needed at that time after a spate of reform and reorganization.

Hunt was a big man and looked very much the conventional British general. His spectacles and a severe manner made him appear somewhat forbidding on first acquaintance but he was in fact a delightful personality with a great sense of humour, both in speech and on paper.

Although not widely known outside the Army, Hunt was highly regarded by all who had served under him. He was essentially a humane man who took a particular interest in the problems of the ordinary officer and soldier. His regimental experience was wide and he inspired confidence.

Quiet in manner and almost reticent at times, he was sound rather than brilliant, dependable rather than dominating, a soldier of the Roberts' school rather than Wolseley's.

Hunt was Constable of the Tower of London from 1980 to 1985. He was made OBE in 1947, CB in 1965, and KCB in 1969. In 1945 he had been made Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II with Palm and Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgian) for his services in Belgium in 1940.

Hunt was also Colonel of the Queen's Own Highlanders and of the 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles from 1966 to 1975.

In his retirement he led an active life: he was Deputy Lieutenant for Cornwall in 1982 and served as president of the Dunkirk Veterans' Association and the National Smallbore Rifle Association.

His first wife, Anne, died in 1966. He is survived by his second wife, Susan, whom he married in 1978, and a son and daughter from his first marriage.

MME LOUISE LEIRIS

Mme Louise Leiris, chief owner of the famous Paris art gallery of the same name and who marketed works by some of the most gifted and influential artists of this century starting with Pablo Picasso, died on September 24 at the age of 86.

Louise Leiris had an immense impact on artists and the art market through her gallery for almost 50 years. She upheld the tradition of Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler, her brother-in-law, both as a marchand and friend of those artists he had promoted in their pioneering early days.

She was a person of great dignity, quiet in her manner and never pressuring anyone. She was scrupulously correct, concentrated on a few artists and was faithful to her older collectors and dealers. She continued Kahnweiler's Picasso "queue system", a ranking for dealers seeking to purchase the Spaniard's works, and insisted on exact discounts for everyone.

Her manner perhaps more resembled that of a distinguished medical consultant than a modern marchand; she never forgot the pleasures of looking at great paintings.

Introduced to Picasso by Kahnweiler, who became associated with the painter early this century, she continued the connection, regularly exhibiting his works, maintained close relations with him during the difficult days for France of the Second World War and then exercized a probably decisive influence on his sales, especially with buyers from abroad, as his fame exploded in the 1950s and 1960s. The last show of Picasso's works at her gallery came only three months before his death.

The full significance of her lifetime's work only became fully known to the wider public after 1984, when, together with her husband Michel Leiris, the writer and ethnologist, she gave the Kahnweiler-Leiris Collection of some 200 modern works to the Museum of Modern Art at the Paris Centre Beaubourg.

This included paintings by such outstanding names she had long been associated with as Picasso, Paul Klee, Francis Bacon, Georges Braque, Fernand Léger, André Derain, Max Ernst, Alberto Giacometti, Juan Gris, Alexander Calder, Joan Miró and sculptures by Henri Laurens.

Louise Leiris entered the art gallery world almost by chance when, after the First World War, Kahnweiler opted to set up a successor gallery to his famous pre-war one, then in financial difficulties.

It was to avoid the Vichy regime's discriminating laws against Jews which led Kahnweiler, already hiding from the Nazis as a German Jew, to transfer the gallery entirely to her in the middle of the Second World War, an act which proved to be the basis for the Galerie Louise Leiris's future fame.

MR SERGEI LOSEV

Sergei Losev, director-general of the Soviet news agency, *Tass*, died on October 3, at the age of 61.

Losev presided over *Tass* at a time of astonishing changes in the nature of Soviet journalism, resulting from Mr Gorbachov's *glasnost* campaign.

He came to the helm in 1979, when the function of the agency was largely to act as a mouthpiece of Kremlin policy. Thus, one of his very first statements as director-general was a signed commentary deploring the siting of American medium-range missiles in Europe, and justifying Russia's unwillingness to take part in further arms talks.

Home news at that time, too, consisted of a dreary recital of crop yields and production figures, with only the occasional muted hint that things might be improved.

It was on the home front that the most radical metamorphosis took place. Journalism was at the sharp end of *glasnost* as it affected ordinary Russians, and *Tass's* staff suddenly found itself invited to report anything that might be of public interest. One of the results was that papers became believable; people began looking forward to reading them, and circulations soared.

Of course this liberalization had — and has — its limits (Chernobyl was not a media triumph). But its most striking manifestation was in the reporting of air and train crashes, deficiencies in vital services and corruption, topics on which comment had, until then, been remarkable for its reticence.

Under Losev's stewardship *Tass* men were encouraged to see themselves as being "in the front line of the struggle against bureaucratic inertia", and he was respected by western journalists.

Dinners

Army Board
Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, presided at a dinner given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in honour of Major-General Donald McIver, Chief of the General Staff, New Zealand. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Freyberg, General Sir Roland Guy, Sir Brian Tovey, Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, Mr Robin McLaren, Mr Derek Kingsbury, Professor Ronald Oxburgh, Dr Christopher Baynham, Dr David Mitchell, Mr Ronald Howard, Mr Neville Jones, Mr Anthony Leschallas, Mr Peter Kenyon, Mr Bruce McGowan and Brigadier Raymond Andrew.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Bernard Silverman, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held at 1 Lambeth High Street yesterday. Sir Frederick Warner, Chairman of the Council of Science and Technology Institutes, also spoke. Among others present were:

Lord and Lady Goff of Chieveley, Sir Graham Wilkins, Mrs Rosie Barnes, MP, Professor J R Quayle, Professor R Flower, Dr Spencer Hagard, Mr W R Doughty, Dr E Fullerton, Mr Joshua Kerr, Mr D Lawson, Mr K J Gray, Mr David Tait, Mr Neville Hodgkinson and Mr D Lewis.

Service dinner

52nd Lowland Division Officers Club
Lieutenant-General Sir John MacMillan, General Officer Commanding Scotland and Governor of Edinburgh Castle, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the 52nd Lowland Division Officers Club held last night at the Western Club, Glasgow. Colonel A.D. Monteath, chairman, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Denis Diderot, philosopher and encyclopaedist, Langres, France, 1713; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", Dalmeny, 1721; Chester Arthur, 21st president of the USA 1881-85, Fairfield, Vermont, 1830; Robert Hutchings Goddard, pioneer of rocketry, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1882.

DEATHS: Joachim Patinir, painter, Antwerp, 1524; Jacques Offenbach, Paris, 1880; Alfred Kroeber, anthropologist and archaeologist, Paris, 1960.

The R101 airship crashed near Beauvais, France, killing 47, 1930.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr. Ronald Ashford to be a member of the board of the Civil Aviation Authority. He succeeds Mr John Chaplin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy.
Philippians 1:3,4

BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On October 3rd, to Julie (née Hatherall) and Craig, a daughter, Jessica Holly.

BARRAN - On October 2nd, in Paris, to Diana (née de Bodard) and Julian, a daughter.

BEALE - On September 25th, to Frances (née Baddeley) and Marcus, a son, Martin Christopher Andrew.

BRIDGE - On September 28th, to Harriet (née Hemley) and Richard, a daughter, Sophia.

COCKER - On October 4th, to Zosia (née Zbrzeznlak) and Simon, a daughter Lucyna Mabel.

COWLEY - On Friday 30th September 1988, at The Westminster Hospital, to Annette (née Bevis) and Simon, a daughter, Samantha Katherine, a sister for Georgina.

CROOK - On September 29th, 1988 at Eastbourne, to Za (née Marshall) and Richard, a son, James.

EASTON - On September 26th at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, to Jane (née Hubbard) and Peter, a son, Thomas William George.

GRANT-DALTON - On September 29th 1988, to Moo (née de Smidt) and Kevin, a daughter, Pippa Charlton, a sister for Sam.

HANBURY - On September 30th, to Susie (née de Broe-Ferguson) and Andrew, an adored son, Hugo Alexander, a brother for Clementine.

JARVIS - On August 20th, at St Georges Hospital to Jane (née Shearman) and Michael, a son, Oliver James Philip.

KEMMIS-MATTERSON - On October 4th 1988, in Hong-Kong, to Sandra and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Margaret.

KRZYZANOWSKI - On September 27th, to Sarah and Michael, a daughter, Catherine Jane.

LAY - On October 3rd 1988, to Jacqui (née Raper) and Richard of Widham, Purton, a daughter, a sister for Jennifer Anne.

MAYNELL - On September 19th, to Celia and Colin, a son Thomas Edward a brother for James and Caroline.

MORGAN GILES - On October 2nd to Sarah (née Wake) and Rodney, a son.

MORRIS - On September 11th, 1988, in Bangkok, to Mary (née Caplis) and John, a daughter, Aisling Ruth.

NUTHALL - On September 27th 1988, to Shirley (née Rowson) and James, a son, David Edward.

O'SHAUGHNESSY - On October 1st, to Jill and Michael, a son, Daniel Joseph.

REED - On October 3rd, to Rhonda and Howard, a daughter, Stephanie Alice, a sister for Alexandra.

REISS - On September 11th 1988, to Joanna (née Boobbyer) and Michael, a son Christopher Philip.

ROLLINS - On September 14th, to Anne and John, a daughter, Helen Virginia.

ROUACH - On October 2nd, 1988, to Ruth and Albert, a son, Alexander, a brother for Charlotte.

SCOTT - On September 28th, to Aideen (née Treacy) and John, a son, Jamie Christian, a brother for Rory.

SHERMAN - On October 3rd 1988, at 04.24am at Farnborough Hospital, to Denise (née Horton) and Gary Sherman, a boy, Christopher John Albert. Weight 7lbs 4oz. A first.

STEWART - On September 24th, 1988 to Ellis (née Cronjaeger) and Roger, a daughter, Katharine Louisa Rose.

TIDBURY - On September 29th 1988, at Queen Charlotte Maternity Hospital, to Caroline (née Wise) and Ray, a daughter, Katy Louise.

VIVIAN - On October 3rd, to Marie-Claire (née Jouin) and Roderick, a daughter Lucie.

MARRIAGES

LAVENDER:MILLARD - On October 1st, in Kent, Brian to Loraine.

WRIGHTON:CREAN - On September 1st 1988 in Tunbridge Wells, Howard Lacey Wrighton to Elizabeth Ann Crean.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

THEOBALD:FLEMING on 5th October 1963 at St Michael's Church, Highgate. Randle Theobald to Elizabeth Fleming. Now at Benbow Road, Hammersmith.

DEATHS

BEALE - On October 3rd 1988, peacefully at Bournemouth, Valerie Mary (née Curry), aged 92 years. Widow of Bennett Beale. Born in Newcastle. Happy childhood at Aberdeen and Stonehaven. Later lived in London before coming to Bournemouth in 1947. Will be remembered with affection by all her family and friends. Funeral service Friday October 7th at 2.15 p.m. at Richmond Hill United Reformed Church, Bournemouth, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Derek Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Boscombe, Bournemouth. Tel: 0202-34311.

BIRKETT - On September 30th 1988, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Lucy Margaret aged 80, daughter of Herbert Birkett and aunt of Gloria Maskell. Service at St Augustine's Church Kilburn at 12 noon on Friday October 7th followed by committal at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers and any inquiries to Leverton and Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt St, NW1. Tel. 01 387 6075

BLUCKE - On October 2nd 1988, at Harecombe Manor, Crowborough in his 92nd year. Air Vice Marshal R.S. Blucke C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., 'Bobby'. Loved and loving husband for 62 years of Nancy (née Wilson). Dear father of Anne Routh and the late Group Captain David Blucke, affectionate father-in-law, grandfather and greatgrandfather. 'Per Ardua Ad Astra'. Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral services. Tel: (0892) 655000.

BUCHANAN - See Gatehouse.

CARLENE - On October 2nd 1988, Doctor P.W. (Piers) Carlene, aged 72 years. Darling husband of Margaret, beloved father of Linda and Gillian, dearly loved grandad of Jonathan, Amanda and Claire. Funeral service at The Avenue Methodist Church, Newton Abbot, Monday October 10th at 11 am. No mourning. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay. Enquiries to Coombes and Sons Funeral Directors, Bovey Tracey, tel: (0626) 833409.

CLARK - On October 2nd, Marion, beloved daughter of Michael Clark of Braxted Park, and sister of Matty, Miranda and Duncan. Funeral at All Saints Church, Great Braxted, on Friday October 7th at 11.00 am. Thanksgiving service at Christ's Church, Studdridge St., London SW6 on Wednesday November 2nd at 11.00 am. Family flowers only to Richards of Witham. Donations if desired to British Epilepsy Association.

COOPER - On September 28th, at Salisbury Infirmary after a long illness, Peter Strickland, dear husband of Nancy, father of Helen, grandfather of Simon. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Charlton, Shaftesbury at 2.30 pm. on Friday 7th October, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if desired to The Diabetic Association, c/o G.E. Johnson & Son, 41/45 High St., Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8JF.

DUFFIELD - On October 1st, peacefully at home, Hilda Mary, adored mother of Mary, son-in-law Tom, and grand-daughter Waveney. Funeral private, no flowers.

FORDHAM - On October 1st, peacefully, Wilfrid Gurney Fordham QC, dear Husband of Peta and father of Colin. Funeral service at Temple Church EC4 10.30 Friday October 7th. Family flowers only.

FRANCIS - On September 29th, Kathleen, late of Sheringham. Funeral service at St Faiths crematorium on Monday October 10th at 1.30pm. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Cancer Research, c/o Cromer and District Funeral Services, 32 West Street, Cromer, Norfolk.

FREELOVE - On September 30th, suddenly, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Terry John, Captain 1 D.E.R.R. Beloved husband of Jo, father to Claire, Nichola and Helen. All enquires to Captain P.King on 0543 433 333.

GATEHOUSE - On September 26th 1988, Florence Helen Buchanan, seven months old. Bright, brave and beautiful baby daughter of Fenella and Simon. Funeral service at 12.30 pm on Friday 7th October at St Marys Church, Battersea Church Road, SW11. Donations if desired to either the Leukaemia Research Fund or Ward 3AB, Great Ormond Street Hospital.

GLASS - On October 3rd, Harry, beloved and loving husband of Lena and devoted father of Michelle.

HAIG - On October 2nd 1988, at home after a long illness bravely borne, Patricia aged 73 years. Beloved mother of Patricia and David and grandmother of Natasha, Adrian, Nicolas and Marica. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Whitchurch, Oxfordshire, on Friday October 7th, 1988, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research, c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL.

HESTER - On October 1st, Suddenly whilst on a well deserved holiday in Corfu, Jeremy Philip (Jerry), dearly loved husband, father and grandfather and son, he will be very sadly missed.

HYDE - On September 26th, at Scrubs Estate, Nuwaraeliya, Sri Lanka, Hector Roderick (Roy), aged 88. Husband of Nita, father of Royston, Mary, Tessa, Basil, Cuthbert, Anne and Bernard.

JACKSON - On October 4th, peacefully at Worthing Hospital, Harold Barker (Jimmy), of Rustington Sussex, aged 82. Beloved husband of Kitty, and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Worthing crematorium on October 10th at 4 o'clock. No flowers please.

KIRK - On September 30th 1988, Violet Caroline (née Kemp) at a London hospital. Funeral on Thursday October 6th, at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.45 p.m. Enquiries J.H. Kenyon Tel: (01) 834 4624.

KNIGHT - On Saturday October 1st, peacefully in hospital, Hilda Gertrude, aged 82, of Abberley, Worcester, much loved aunt and sister-in-law. Funeral service at 11.45 Friday October 7th at St Michael's, Abberley, followed by cremation at Worcester at 1pm. Family flowers, donations to St Michaels Church, Abberley.

LAWRENCE - On October 2nd, peacefully after a long illness very patiently borne, Bernard Edwin, aged 87. Funeral, Friday October 7th, 2.30pm. Memorial Service to be announced later.

LEETHAM - On October 2nd 1988, Margaret Alice (Speedy) of Lower Bockhampton, Dorchester, Dorset, dearly loved mother of Charlotte Jackson and devoted grandmother of Sophie and Caroline. Funeral service at Saint Michael's Church, Stinsford, near Dorchester on Tuesday October 11th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester. Tel (0305) 62338.

LELEUX - On October 2nd, suddenly at home, Sydney Vivian Frederick. Service at Church of Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, 2pm, Monday October 10th followed by Private Cremation. Enquiries to R.F. Finch, Military Road, Northampton. No flowers by request, donations to Royal National Lifeboat Institution or Church of Holy Sepulchre Restoration Trust.

LINDSAY - On October 3rd, 1988, peacefully at home, Brigadier Pooler Leeman Lindsay, of Little Bealings, Suffolk, much loved husband of the late Mary, father of Patrick and Richard, and grandfather of Sean, Vivien, and Vanessa. Funeral service at Little Bealings Church on Friday October 7th, at 2pm.

LIYANARACHCHI - On September 2nd, 1988, tragically in Sri Lanka, Wijayadasa, aged 39, Barrister at law. Loved by all members of his family and Dr C Iriyagolle's family also the young friends of Sri Lanka. Funeral private. "May he attain Nirvana".

MACKENZIE OF GAIRLOCH - On 3rd October 1988, peacefully at home, Marjory Charlotte, of Riverford Farmhouse, Conon Bridge, Ross-shire, wife of the late Brigadier W.A. Mackenzie of Gairloch DSO OBE. Funeral service at St Annes Church, Strathpeffer, on Friday 7th October at 2pm. Burial thereafter private. Donations to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

MACONOCHIE - On October 1st 1988, peacefully and courageously after a long illness, Jamie, aged 55 years. Beloved brother of Mary, Petal and Neil. Funeral Service at Mattingley Parish Church, Mattingley, near Hartley Wintney, Hants, at 2.15pm on Tuesday October 11th. Please send flowers to the church.

MAY - On October 2nd 1988, peacefully in a Hove Nursing Home, Margaret Mary (Peggy), loving wife of Cdr Eric A. May O.B.E., daughter of Mrs Gordon-Moore and Dr Charles Gordon-Moore C.V.O. Funeral private, donations if desired to PDSA c/o Hanningtons F/D Ltd, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex. Tel 0273 778733.

MEIKLEJOHN - On October 1st, 1988 peacefully at St. Albans City Hospital, Hertfordshire, Jane, late of Harpenden and Rothamsted Research Station. Funeral Service at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, Watford (on Junction 6 of M1) on Monday October 10th, 1988 at 1.30 p.m.

MIDDLETON - On October 1st 1988, peacefully after a short illness, Wing Commander Geoffrey Denis Middleton O.B.E. Latterly of East Holcombe, Devon. Cremation 1.30 October 7th at Taunton Dean Crematorium. Memorial Service later in Lavenham, details, (024024) 4104. No flowers please but donations if wished to Save the Children Fund.

REID - On October 1st, Nicholas Hector, aged 42 years. Dearly beloved husband of Maya and adored father of Edward, Gabrielle, Joseph and Bernard, and darling son of Hector and Irene.

SELWYN - On October 1st, peacefully, Edith Barbara (née Crow) aged 96, beloved wife of the late Gordon Selwyn, former Dean of Winchester, and of the late Albert Henry Williams. Much loved and loving mother of Jane Portal, and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem mass at St. Peters, Winchester, tomorrow Thursday October 6th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

SMITH - On Friday September 30th, 1988, Joss Graham, of Long Melford, Suffolk. Beloved husband of Pauline and father of Nicholas and Quentin. Private funeral arrangements.

STROTHER - On Saturday October 1st Mary Kathleen of Stanmore Middlesex, dearly beloved wife of the late Watson and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Family funeral at Breakspear Crematorium Ruislip at 10.30 am on Tuesday October 11th followed by memorial service at St Johns Church Stanmore at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please donations if wished to The British Heart Foundation.

THOMAS - On October 3rd peacefully, at home, William Leslie F.R.C.S., aged 97. Husband of the late Peggy and father of Allan and Meryl. Funeral Service at Bushbury Crematorium at 3.30pm on Monday, October 10th. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Compton Hospice.

WARWICK - On October 3rd 1988, in St Mary's Hospital Paddington, the Rev Dorothy. Thanksgiving service 11am Octber 10th at St Mark's, Hamilton Terrace NW6.

WHATTON - On October 3rd, peacefully, at St Stephen's Hospital, Margaret Anne Mary aged 75. Funeral service to be held at Our Lady Of Victories, Kensington on Monday October 10th at 10.00 am. Family flowers only; Donations may be sent to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

WILKINSON - On Saturday October 1st, at the Memorial Hospital, Hastings, New Zealand, after a brief illness, Harry, formerly of Halifax, West Yorkshire and lately Hastings, New Zealand. The beloved husband of the late Margaret and beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather of Lea and Michael, Peter and Anne, Christopher, Vanessa, Simon and Michael. A private service was held on Tuesday October 4th in Napier, New Zealand. Messages to Peter Wilkinson, P.O. Box 2116, Hastings, New Zealand and donations to Dr. Barnardo's (for Sport, Adventure and Recreation), Clarence Road, Horsforth, Leeds.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

KINNEAR - The Funeral of Roy Kinnear will take place at 12 o'clock am, on Monday October 10th, at Christ Church, Christchurch Road, East Sheen, and then East Sheen Cemetery. All his many friends are welcome. Flowers may be sent to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 12 Chiltern Street, London W1, between 8.15 to 10.15am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

JACOBSON - A service to celebrate the life of Lord Sydney Jacobson will be held on Monday October 31st at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, EC4, at 12.00 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

STEAD - Gladys B.A. Formerly of Middlesex Hospital Medical School, on October 5th, 1982. Remembered always by family and friends. George.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRADLEY, WILLIAM EDWARD BRADLEY, late of 2 The Avenue, Preston Road, Wembley, Middlesex, died at Harrow, on 26th April 1988.

(Estate about £28,870)

DEJAC formerly BISCHOF formerly HUBBARD nee HALL STEFANIE BISCHOF DEJAC formerly CONSTANCE BISCHOF formerly CONSTANCE HUBBARD nee HALL, Widow, late of Flat 1A, Pine Grange, Bath Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, died in Bournemouth, on 1st June 1988.

(Estate about £18,000)

HEATH, ROBERT THOMAS GEORGE HEATH, late of 22 Britain Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, died there, on 30th January 1987.

(Estate about £20,500)

SAXTON nee BROOK, MARY SAXTON nee BROOK, WIDOW, late of 3 Elizabeth Drive Wyke, Bradford, West Yorkshire, died in Bradford, on 9th February 1987.

(Estate about £17,000)

SCOTT, ALBERT SCOTT otherwise ALBERT KING SCOTT late of 26 The Chestnuts, Highbury Grange, Islington, London N5, died in Highbury, London N5, on 22nd April 1986.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Campion's social disease

After seeing a purple discolouration in white campion flowers in the mountains of Virginia, botanist Janis Antonovics joked with colleagues that perhaps the plants were suffering from a venereal disease.

But after some experimentation, Antonovics, of Duke University in North Carolina, found that his jest was the truth; anther smut is indeed a plant social disease.

In most plants, each flower has both the male anther and female stigma of the reproductive system. When a bee enters the flower it may fertilize the stigma with pollen from the anthers of the same flower or one it previously visited.

But the white campion, a member of the carnation family, has entirely separate male and female flowers, so that fertilization always involves a transfer of pollen from one place to another. This is what led Antonovics and his collaborator, Helen Alexander, of the University of Kansas, to start thinking about a sexually transmitted plant disease that would be passed on during fertilization.

And because the campion has distinct sexes, the transmission of such a disease in a population of plants may share some similarities with the transmission of venereal diseases in animals or humans.

Anther smut is an infection of the campion by the fungus *Ustilago violacea*. Fungi reproduce in an asexual way by producing a kind of "seed" cell, called a spore, which grows into a perfect replica of its parent. In infected plants, the normally yellow anther is covered with the purple spores of the fungus, so that the bees and moths which would normally fertilize the plants carry the infecting agent instead.

On closer examination, the researchers found a previously unremarked sympton of infection; as well as destroying the ability of the male flowers to make pollen, the female flowers of infected plants begin to grow anthers, suggesting that the fungus intereferes with the hormonal balance of the plant.

Like gonorrhoea in humans, anther smut makes its victims sterile as well as turning them into a source of infection. But whereas humans, even without medical care, can avoid gonorrhoea by exercising choice, plants are at the mercy of unthinking pollinators. This would seem to suggest that anther smut could wipe out whole populations of campion after only a few seasons.

But the proportion of healthy yellow anthers and diseased purple ones stays fairly constant from one year to the next, suggesting that at least some of the plants are resistant to *Ustilago violacea* and can co-exist with the fungus.

Moreover, anther smut affects only about two thirds of the different members of the carnation family, something which Antonovics and Alexander were inclined to attribute to small genetic variations between the different subspecies. They also speculate that such variations within a single variety of campion could be the source of resistance to the disease.

But this leads to new questions. If no plants were resistant, all would soon be wiped out. But if some proportion were resistant, and passed on their resistance to future generations, the disease would soon dispose of all the susceptible plants and find none left to infect. Neither of these extremes seems to happen, and Antonovics is planning new research on the way that a balance between resistance and infection is maintained over many generations.

He hopes his work on this one rather odd case will have ramifications for other botanists, who mostly spend their time studying diseases in agricultural crops. There is great concern that modern crop plants have been overbred, and that their artificially narrow genetic variation greatly reduces their ability to resist novel diseases.

The way the campion manages to co-exist with anther smut may offer some clues to researchers looking for methods to limit the spread of infections in other plant populations.

Lisa L. Lyles

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(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
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J TAYLOR
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROCEED
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Dated this 30th day of September 1988
Signed
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UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACT
TO: Miroslav Panic, Businessman, and Jana Panic, Catering Manageress, both of the City of Brandon, in Manitoba.
Notice of Exercising Power of Sale has been filed in the Brandon Land Titles Office as No 88-3134 on behalf of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce the mortgage under mortgage registered in the said office as No. 86-13416 which charges the following land:
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KEVIN R. BOLT
Solicitor for the Mortgagee
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IN THE MATTER OF RADARBECK LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th day of October 1988, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Barrie Cobden Pike Peat Marwick McLintock, 8th Floor, Dukes Keep, Marsh Lane, Southampton, Hampshire, SO1 1EX, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 27th day of September 1988
B C Pike - Liquidator

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IN THE MATTER OF SABRE HI-TECH COATINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Mr Iain Timothy Thomson of Brooks Carling, 8-10 South Street, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7PF, will provide the Creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the Creditors may reasonably require until Monday, 10 October 1988.
Dated this twenty seventh day of September 1988
M Saxby - Director
Note: Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company at 8-10 South Street, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7PF, not later than four o'clock on the tenth day of October 1988.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Future schlock

Screenplay Firsts: The Substance of Dreams (BBC2) posited an alarming post-Armageddon future, in which actors will be subjected to strong lighting and forced to speak the language of cartoon balloons. This is one irrefutable argument in favour of Equity affiliating with CND.

As with all such fictions, the future imperfect was run on totalitarian, if fairly rackety, lines by tense technicians in charge of a would-be omniscient computer, while a lumpen underclass in Greenham denim obligingly did the troglodyte thing in a subterranean warren beyond the pale. Emerging from nowhere, a black intruder infiltrated the scavengers, exchanged ringing dialogue with their Scottish patriarch, ministered intriguingly to a willowy blonde and, thus fortified, marched on The City, where his amulet of nerve gas was crushed underfoot by bullyboys in white coats. Considering that they were in the process of wiring him up to the computer for the purpose of discovering every last byte of information about his nature and history, this action deserved a BAFTA *award for improbability.*

The anti-racist pulse of Tom Peirce's script came in for a weird treatment at the hands of his direction, which pigged itself on interleaved dissolves (as in cosmetics commercials), often at the expense of coherence. Flaunting its message on its sleeve, the film was overmuch in love with the Hollywood conventions of science fiction.

Floyd On Britain And Ireland (also BBC2) rambled on with the drinking man's cook sizzling elvers on the bank of the Parrott (at 1am, in March), floundering through the mud of Severn and ordering various well-meaning helpers to shut up. Claudia Roden may be more specifically informative on diverse cuisines, and Kay Avila may do more to satisfy the inner chef's groupie, but Keith Floyd is indisputably the best thing ever to have happened to television cookery.

Martin Cropper

Louis Malle, whose greatest success for some years is the first film he has made in France for a decade, talks to **Ivor Davis**

Distance lends enchantment

At home and in his element: Louis Malle directs Raphael Fejto (left) and Gaspard Manesse on the set of his latest film, *Au revoir les enfants*

Something happened to Louis Malle when he was 11 years old. He never forgot it; on the contrary, he says it became the central event of his life. Now, 44 years later, he has made a film about it, *Au revoir les enfants*, a movie of such simplicity and economy that it is devastating in its sadness.

In 1944 Malle, scion of an ancient and wealthy French family, was escaping the misery of the occupation of Paris at a Catholic boarding school near Fontainebleau. He was clever, effortlessly top of his class. Suddenly a new boy appeared, a mysterious, silent boy, brilliant at mathematics and music, but who obviously did not belong: a stranger in a strange land.

In 1988 Malle, too, is a man without a country, or rather he has two countries, between which he seems to be having trouble making up his mind. His American films (*Pretty Baby, Alamo Bay, Crackers*) have not, for the most part, been well received, although *Atlantic City*, with Burt Lancaster, did earn some kudos. Now he has made his first film in France for 10 years and it is being lavishly praised. It also became a hot Oscar favourite earlier this year, losing out to *Babette's Feast*.

In a friend's house in the woods above Beverly Hills, he and his American wife, actress Candice Bergen, and their two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Chloë, are preparing to return to their Manhattan apartment, which has been home to the director since 1978. Chloe runs in and out, pursued by her mother, and her father seems permanently to be listening for her. It's not easy being father to a two-year-old at 55.

"Since I've been living and working in the US, the French didn't take it so well. Given the choice, they find it very hard to understand why you would prefer America. When we go to our house in the Dordogne our neighbours, the local farmers, say: 'What are you doing there? The food must be ghastly.' "

He returned to France in the summer of 1987, to show the film he had spent a year preparing, and it quickly became the top box office French film of that year, as well as the winner of the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival. Immediately it was assumed that he had come home to stay.

"The prodigal was returning." He laughs. "But the truth is, I don't know if I'm going back for good. I'm a little perplexed. My family's here. All these years I've been half and half. While I was shooting in France, I would fly back for a few days to New York, to visit Candy and the baby and I started to have this strange feeling that New York was home."

American critics have noted the Frenchness of *Au revoir les enfants*, the particular blend of religion, bourgeois ideals, educational rigidity and obsession with food and form that is so peculiarly Gallic; but its creator, while prepared to concede the point, excepts himself from it. "I have never been really conscious of my own Gallicity. We once coined the word Franchitude, as a joke to cover it. It sounds like a dirty word, doesn't it? Perhaps it is.

"The film is about my roots, my childhood, my background, a moment in French history." Certainly the style of the film, he says, is not so much attributable to any Frenchness but to his own maturing. "I'm getting older and wiser and closer to what I want, perhaps," he explains. "I'm working towards greater simplicity in my work, to get rid of everything that's unimportant. I wanted to try and make a film that would be essentially pure and simple without any effects of any kind."

The boy Julien in the film is Malle as a child. Jean Bonnet, the young Jewish outsider, was in real life not French at all, says Malle. "They were a German family. His father had been a doctor in Frankfurt. But I think if he had lived, Bonnet would have become very French." Bonnet, of course, was not given the chance to choose. At the end of the film, he is arrested by the Gestapo. The real Bonnet died at Auschwitz.

Malle who, being independently wealthy has often bankrolled his films, recalls he ran into considerable opposition from his friends when planning the film. "They told me the subject was out of fashion. They felt I had already done a film about the occupation [*Lacombe Lucien*], but I told them it was something I had to do. I wasn't concerned about what anyone else thought of it. I was most concerned about being pleased myself. I was actually very scared that it might not work, because it was so important to me."

The fortunes of the film were greatly enhanced in France by its timing. The case of Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyon", went to trial just as filming was completed.

"All during the fall of '86, it seemed that that trial would never take place. It finally began when I was editing. Then, literally three weeks before we opened in Paris, Le Pen [the French National Front leader] made his statement that the Holocaust was just a detail in the history of the Second World War."

The Malle obsession with that war seemed suddenly more than justified. When he made *Lacombe Lucien*, in which a teenage collaborator was given a sympathetic treatment, Malle was accused of creating "retro-history". There were no such complaints this time. Malle says he will continue to mine his past for his work. His obsession with France's past marks the contrast between his life in France and in America.

"In America I am fascinated by what is happening today, because what happens today in America, like it or not, in terms of mass culture will soon spread to Europe and all over the world. But in France, particularly as I get older, it is the past that interests me. As soon as I walk into a street in Paris it's always the past. I remember that I had a friend who lived in that apartment there, or that when I was a child I did so and so here. It's perfectly logical that I should come back to deal with my past."

In America, says Malle, he is an outsider and intends to remain so. "In fact, if I had not been happily married here, I would probably have gone back earlier. I would not want to end my life here."

It would have been quite easy to return and resume his French identity four years ago, he says, when President Reagan was re-elected. "It was like a fantasy life here then, like going back 50 years. America was great and powerful and saving Grenada. It was very conservative and predictable. But now Reagan has been in trouble. There's been a huge crisis of confidence. I can feel the pendulum swinging again and I wish I had several more lives to live, so I could be around to watch it."

He has enjoyed living in the US. Working there, however, has been and continues to be difficult. "Now I know it's almost impossible for me to work within the studio system," he says. "My best work has always been done completely on my own. [He wrote, directed and produced *Au Revoir les Enfants.*] How could I possibly have had a story-conference on *Au Revoir* with some 27-year-old executive who doesn't know anything about the Second World War?

"I'm too old to go through the charade at this point. It's absurd the amount of time that's wasted in film-making in America. One is part of a machine. I've been through that. It's very unhealthy for me now."

But always there is France and his own past. There are several projects: a trilogy, perhaps two trilogies waiting to be filmed, all based on his own experiences. "I have to do my Marcel Proust." He laughs. "I will do it. I must do it. *Au revoir les enfants* was simply the prologue."

● Au revoir les enfants *opens at the Curzon West End on Friday*

DONALD COOPER

Haunted director: Gerard Murphy with horses which are "the public"

Spellbound in the maze

THEATRE

The Public
Royal, Stratford East

"This is for the theatre years from now", said Lorca, entrusting a manuscript of his last play to a friend shortly before his death in 1936. With its celebration of homosexuality, its revolutionary undercurrents, and a stage language that anticipates Genet, *The Public* has all the astonishing qualities of a theatrical time machine.

Seeing such a work at last released into performance, the immediate temptation is to greet it as a masterpiece; besides saluting the Stratford management for a courageous departure from its usual community-theatre policy, and for the imaginative energy of Philip Hedley's production. What remains uncertain, though, is whether, even now, the play's time has arrived.

In his book on the unfinished text of *The Public*, Rafael Martinez Nadal analyses it as an interrelated study of the "love that dare not speak its name" and of the concealments of the theatre: both themes being combined in the story of a theatre director who stages a version of *Romeo and Juliet* with a boy of 15 as the heroine. Thematically the piece is crystal clear; what repeatedly leaves you blinking with incomprehension are the actual stage events.

Starting in the director's office with the arrival first of three white horses and then three bearded gentlemen, both introduced as "the public", the action takes off into a dream territory where a camp Roman emperor and his macho centurion mix with commedia figures, where the entombed Juliet resists abduction by the horses, a crucified victim is attended by a medical orderly, and students report on a bloody uprising before being recalled to their geometry lesson.

Matters might have been clearer if the missing act (presumably showing the substitution of the boy actor for Claire Hackett's Juliet) had survived. Even so, a great deal of the dialogue, as translated by Henry Livings, comes over as free-associating nonsense. Juliet, although overrun by rats in her tomb, does not want to get rid of them because they "bring me tiny pianos and little lacquer brushes." After an hour along those lines, you readily identify with Lorca's third public: a benighted party of human spectators, fumbling through a theatrical labyrinth.

As in Genet, the piece offers a disorienting trip through a hall of mirrors. There are signposts, but they are apt to be misleading. The mask, for instance, is one repeated image. Where we have learnt to view it as a device for revealing the truth, in Lorca's terms the mask stands for lies and repression.

I make that point in confusion rather than in judgement on a fiendishly complex work. And I strongly recommend it for the sake of an outstanding production. Hedley, and his designer Ultz have achieved a spell-binding sequence of luscious Ovidian transformations, beginning with a magical equestrian ballet in the director's office and developing, with an extraordinary blend of atmospheric poetry and abrupt earthy comedy, through this a landscape that carries the imprint of a *poète maudit* who happened to be on the side of the angels.

Gerard Murphy, switching wigs and transvestite costume like lightning, is the haunted master-of ceremonies, last seen freezing with his company in a snow-bound office. Someone asks whether he minds the cold. "Coldness," he replies, "is an element in drama, like everything else."

Irving Wardle

Pantomime Don

DANCE

Don Quixote
Empire, Liverpool

The basic idea of Christopher Gable's production of *Don Quixote* for Northern Ballet Theatre is that the work can be given more depth and interest by increasing the importance of the title role. There is a flaw in this. However much extra mime you add (and dreary music by Phillip Feeney to go with it), the Don remains peripheral to the dancing which is the ballet's attraction.

As for that dancing, Gable has had another false idea, namely that letting his assistant director Michael Pink rework or replace most of the choreography might be an improvement of the glittering mixture of Petipa, Gorsky and others. They have compounded their errors by rearranging the plot, so that there are no real leading dancers, but different couples and soloists in prominence in each of the three acts.

There are one or two good innovations, most notably a solo for Sancho Panza, where his jumps belie his belly. But they are not enough to make a satisfying ballet. What you get is a sort of mimed panto, with a lot of flashy and mainly meretricious dancing thrown in. It may well prove popular, but on a very superficial, unrewarding level.

The big disappointment among the performances is Gable's own in the title part. In other productions this role has usually seemed a guaranteed success, but not here. The fundamental mistake is to play entirely for pathos. But a singularly unconvincing bent-kneed shuffle does not help, nor a make-up that leaves him looking like a bright-eyed school boy in grey beard and wig.

The rest of the cast work hard at roles that are mostly a bit too demanding for them. Jeremy Kerridge does best as a cleaned up Sancho: he looks like Falstaff just back from a health farm.

Tim Goodchild's designs are colourful but his costumes often unflattering. The production's most disastrously misconceived idea is presenting the Don's vision of ideal womanhood as girls in flesh-coloured body tights, gift-wrapped in tinsel. There is also an incomprehensible new episode with a group of travelling mimes: fringe artistes, perhaps, in search of a grant. Brian Fieldhouse presides over a thin account of a score that is even more a hotch-potch than usual.

John Percival

CONCERT

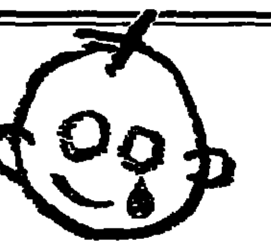
Park Lane Sextet
Purcell Room

There are two ways of assessing the quality of a chamber group. First you listen for accuracy, character, balance. If you cannot believe what you hear, you should look. If, as was the case with the Park Lane Sextet on Monday night, you see furrowed brows, unchanging expressions and heads buried in the music, you know something is seriously amiss.

Given the music played, it was a pity that this sextet seemed so unconcerned with the standard of *its performances, tarnished above* all by the dispiritingly inaccurate intonation of Roger Garland, the first violinist. Admittedly, works by Spohr and Ferdinand Ries suffered marginally less than Beethoven's String Quintet, Opus 26, *but they still deserved far* better than they got. Ries's Sextet of 1836 (this was its British premiere) is appealingly audacious, with a long set of variations on a naggingly simple tune for a finale, a rough-hewn Scherzo, *whose opening idea leads you to* expect the hornpipe they play at the Last Night of the Proms, an eloquent F major slow movement and a stormy, harmonically adventurous, opening Allegro.

Spohr's Sextet in C, Op 140, *outshone it. Constantly busy and* individual in both personality and design, (its scherzo and finale are cleverly interwoven), this work sharply reminded us that its composer is still seriously underestimated.

Stephen Pettitt



POEMS *for* Great Ormond Street

BABIES

D.J. Enright

Babies are best. They give no offence
Except to their proper nappies.
Strictly they instruct young mothers,
Ruling with a rattle of iron.
They are the boss by natural selection.
Mothers' Union? Only when babies please.

One of them, at fourteen months, is famous
For trying keys on every aperture,
Spurning knots in the woodwork as spurious.
Will it grow up to be a master burglar
Or unlock the secrets of the universe?
It does not say. It is one of the secrets.

Babies have little religion, other than
Categorical imperatives and feast days.
And no politics, apart from the arms race,
Chronic inflation and minor uprisings.
They move in mysterious ways. God created them
In his image. Which accounts for many things.

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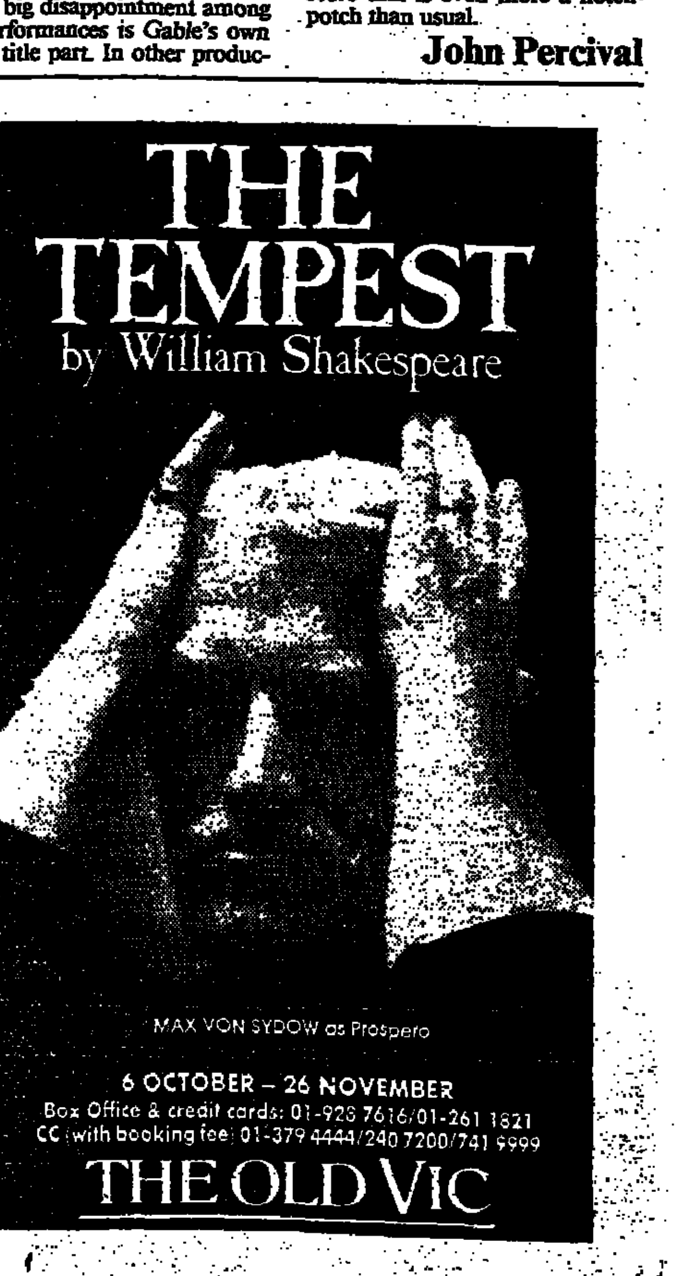

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

A very candid camera

A new television series on child abuse will make uncomfortable viewing – not least because it is a documentary, not a drama. Anne-Marie Sapsted reports

A distraught child screams, "I'll get a knife and kill you" as he and his baby brother are bundled into a car, leaving behind their hysterical mother. Minutes later, the same two-year-old sobs as an NSPCC social worker explains that his daddy has been "naughty", that mummy has an important decision to make about their future and meanwhile he and the baby must stay with foster parents.

Clinging to the social worker – who has been working with the family for a year – the toddler asks if he can stay with him through the night. "We'll make sure you're tucked up safe tonight," he is reassured.

This is no make-believe drama, but the real life agonies of the victims of child abuse and those who must deal with it. *Place of Safety* is the first programme in a new BBC seven-part documentary series which follows the day-to-day operations of an NSPCC child protection team in Lincoln. The father of the two children who feature in the first programme has been charged with indecently assaulting a four-year-old, and the children are taken away from their caravan home in the middle of the night by NSPCC social workers, who have obtained a 28-day place of safety order for them.

Lincoln was chosen as the focus of the series because it is a world away from the inner-city deprivation most commonly associated with these problems. And the programmes are certain to challenge many of our convictions and concerns about child abuse and the way the professionals in the field deal with it.

The series, *Protecting the Children*, has been two years in the making – pre-dating the Cleveland crisis and its aftermath. But reflecting the increase in reported cases of sexual abuse, one of the most powerful programmes comes second in the series and follows one family caught up in this trauma. It is the most graphic and disturbing portrayal of the problem and all its complexities that has yet been seen on television.

We see a 15-year-old girl who has been raped and abused repeatedly by her stepfather, worrying about what will happen to him. When can he come home, she wants to know. We watch the girl's mother trying to come to terms with her "mixed-up feelings" of anger, disgust and love. We hear the mother's accusation: "It's all right for you bloody do-gooders to come in here. You don't have to face the neighbours spitting at you in the street, insulting you in the Post Office."

Comparisons have already been made with *Police*, the documentary series which used the same *cinema verité* technique and showed Thames Valley Police dealing with a rape victim, and a detective called Brian, who cried.

The "stars" of *Protecting the Children* are the five NSPCC social workers who make up the Lincoln team: Tony Challis, a 39-year-old former ambulance driver, Dave Pettit, 37, Pat Fines, 48, Graham Lloyd, 41, and the team leader, Frank Kearns, a 46-year-old former Catholic priest.

All are married with children and all are qualified social workers with experience in local authority social services, with which they work closely. The bulk of their referrals come from the public, mainly neighbours, and very few are found to be without substance.

Most NSPCC social workers have chosen to work for the society specifically because they wish to work with children. For some the job proves too much: Lloyd is no longer with the team; half way through filming he left to work in a factory.

Tamasin Day-Lewis, the producer of the series, hopes that with child care law coming up for review in the next Parliament, the series will help push the issues into the political arena. The NSPCC hopes that reforms will bring all child care law within a system of family courts. "It is going to be incredibly difficult to legislate because, as the series shows, no case is clear cut," Day-Lewis says.

She recalls the evening before the crew's first session with the man who had sexually abused his stepdaughter. "We were talking about him as a monster, and yet when we met him, there was this perfectly polite man who couldn't stop himself and desperately wanted help."

Day-Lewis likens the year since filming started to a battle. She had enormous problems trying to sell the concept to the BBC. "The trouble was, of course, that until we actually started filming, we had no idea how it would work out." There have been legal difficulties with some of the films: some cases which were thought to be routine have now become *sub judice* and one programme may not be shown.

JULIAN HERBERT

On the agenda: Day-Lewis hopes the seven-part series will help push child abuse into the political arena

The people who feature in the programme were first asked by the NSPCC if they would be willing to take part before being offered total anonymity, and the BBC gave them the opportunity to see the programmes before transmission. None of the families who originally agreed to take part have backed out.

One of the surprises during filming was that the families involved developed a special rapport with the film crew, and when a crisis developed, often turned to them as independent observers, wanting filming to continue so that their side of the story would be told.

The promise of anonymity has led to technical difficulties for the film-makers. A new method of "anonymizing", whereby clients appear blurred on screen while the social workers are recognizable, has been invented to get away from the urban terrorist effect which often results with standard techniques of dark shadows, moving squares or black masks.

"It has taken hours to do a single shot," Day-Lewis says. "But we did not want to dehumanize the people involved. We wanted the viewer to be able to feel them as characters with all their strengths and weaknesses."

> 'We were talking about him as a monster, and yet when we met him, there was this polite man who desperately wanted help'

The NSPCC is concerned at the criticisms it feels are bound to be levelled at it. The Lincoln social workers, too, admit that they did not fully appreciate the ramifications of their decision to take part. Their worries are how they will be judged by fellow professionals and how their clients will be affected. They plan to keep a low profile while the series is showing. "Just imagine how Mrs Jones will feel if one of us rolls up on her doorstep and the neighbours recognize us from the television," Challis says.

Keith Bradbrook, the NSPCC's press and public relations manager, is uncompromising. "These are not commercials and this is not entertainment. We hope it will put child abuse into perspective. The viewer is put into the position of the social workers, and the difficult decisions they have to make.

"Social workers have taken such a bashing in recent years, and most social work departments have retreated in the face of criticism. We go out and actively encourage the media to discuss the problems – and apart from the financial considerations, we have to bear in mind as a charity dependent on public generosity – we believe in trying to educate the public. I feel that social workers could get their act together and stop treating the media as enemies. It only makes matters worse."

The initial impact of the films is undoubtedly harrowing, but Dr Alan Gilmour, director of the NSPCC, says he hopes that viewers will be prepared to persevere and see the series through to its conclusion. He points out that the society has gone to enormous lengths to ensure that the children in the films are protected.

"Our commitment is to the children. I think the impact of these films will be enormous, but there is no question of sacrificing an individual child to the greater good of the rest. If that happened, I would have to charge myself with cruelty."

● Protecting the Children *begins on Friday on BBC 2 at 9.30pm. The NSPCC has just launched a £5 million appeal for the first purpose-built training centre for all aspects of child abuse, to open next year in Leicester. It has also recently re-launched a "Putting Children First" education campaign. For details, write to the NSPCC, 67, Saffron Hill, London EC1.*

Man with a golden nose

Noses are not to be sniffed at – but why are some of the world's best examples male?

An eye for art, an ear for music, but what, one might ask, could anyone do with a creative nose?

To the uninitiated the cultivation of an acute sense of smell is perhaps more associated with a sniffer hound than a sophisticated human being. But there is nothing even remotely canine about the elegant Nicholas Mamounas, the supreme "nose" behind Rochas's great perfumes – Eau de Rochas, Mystère Lumière and his most recent creation, Byzance. He will display his unusual talent for distinguishing fragrances tomorrow at a West End store.

His incredible olfactory memory includes the 400 natural essential oils, plus many of the 15,000 synthetic ones. He recalls his childhood by the fragrance of jasmine on the Greek isle of Khios, where his family had a holiday home, and of the lily-like tuberose in Alexandria, where he grew up.

His wealthy Greek father, who scorned the arts as a profession, sent him to the Sorbonne to study chemistry – a discipline which has proved useful. There he met someone who worked for the Coty organization, and they played a curious game: sniffing out and identifying the fragrances of women who passed them on the streets, at concerts or at the theatre.

"I was looking for a speciality at the time and my friend said, 'Right. I will give you a blind test'. He brought 15 unmarked perfumes that were popular at the time, such as Chanel No. 5, Arpege, Femme and Miss Dior. I found them all and he said, 'Nicholas, you have gold in your nose' and he was right."

The right introductions took him to Grasse, the perfume centre of France. He learned the skills of his exotic trade from an old master who could distinguish between 15 to 20 different lavender fragrances. "He had a great nose. But he was not an artist, not a creator," Mamounas says.

As young perfumers must, he copied other scents; his first was a passable Ma Griffe prepared for his sister. He quickly established himself as a creator, rather than an imitator, because, he says: "I was very innocent in this art. I didn't have any tradition so I made new things for them. I was Mamounas, the little Greek boy who made good fragrances. Now I am M. Nicholas. The day they call you by your first name you are a success."

For some years he worked as a freelance consultant and also lectured at the school of perfume near Versailles, which takes only 25 pupils a year. Then he was wooed simultaneously by Chanel, Revlon and Rochas. The latter made "the best proposition" and he started work in Paris on Eau de Rochas in May 1968.

"You don't create by going into a laboratory and mixing up different liquids. In your mind, you make an image, an olfactive pattern that may be composed of several hundred essential oils. You make it in abstraction and you try to reach it then by experimenting in the laboratory. Every fragrance I create is totally different from any one that went before.

"I write down the formula and give it to my assistant and she prepares 10 different versions of it. Then I decide which is best. I can only make this decision because of my education, good taste and experiences in many different parts of the world. That is why I travel a lot. I must be influenced by mood, by ambience, by all the different circumstances in my life."

But a nose that is insured for millions of francs (he will not say precisely how much or by whom) also requires special care. Every morning he rinses it with a solution of distilled water and "tunes" it by smelling about a dozen random essences and oils. He seldom drinks alcohol, never smokes and tries to stay out of smoky rooms. He avoids garlic and spicy dishes. He swims but never dives, skis only at low altitudes and prefers short plane flights that do not subject him to a pressurized atmosphere for long periods.

There are, he says, few great noses in the world today. He believes the greatest belonged to Jacques Guerlain, grandfather of the present Jean-Paul, who created Heure Bleue, Shalimar and Mitsouko, which remain popular today.

These noses appear to be exclusively male. Though the climate is changing, the master's considered view on this phenomenon might not win him much female acclaim today. "Women create life and they don't have the need to create something other than life. We need to create and perfumery is a very abstract art. Women can't create in abstraction."

Rachel Warren

PAUL LOVELACE

Artist at work: Mamounas "remembers" hundreds of smells

Taking steps

The National Stepfamily Association has just celebrated its fifth anniversary with a conference aimed at increasing awareness of the stepfamily as a valid unit in its own right – not a second-rate substitute for the nuclear ideal. "Even in my mind it still conjures up 'second best'," admits Elizabeth Hodder, founder and co-director of the charity with her husband, Dick Hodder. She is a stepmother of five, mother of two and a stepgrandmother. "There are now over six million people living in stepfamilies and we need to come to terms with what may well become the most common type of family in the future," she says. Stepfamily, as it is known, operates a free telephone counselling service (0223 460313 for details, or the main office number on 0223 460312) and runs support groups around the country. So far it has dealt with 20,000 calls. "An increasing number are from stepchildren needing help and from schools which are having problems with children not settling in with new stepfamilies," Hodder says. Women worry more about their role as stepparent than men do, she says. Most of the NSA's calls for help come from women – even if their partner is the stepparent. Two new booklets are available from the NSA for 80p each, including postage and packing, but are free to members, who pay £10 a year for membership and receive regular newsletters. "Legal Points for Stepfamilies" and "Preparation for Step-parenthood" can be obtained from Stepfamily, 162 Tenison Road, Cambridge CB1 2DP.

& BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Quote me . . .

"She is just lying there gurgling. She is not missing me, but I am missing her."

The Duchess of York

Ringing it up

Today Christies is holding an auction of finger-rings to coincide with its exhibition, *The Power of Love: Six Centuries of Diamond Betrothal Rings*, which will run until October 14. It is the ideal place to pick up an unusual engagement ring with an exciting history. Bring along at least £3,000 if you expect to be in the bidding for a heavy gold signet ring believed to have belonged to Richard Bancroft, Bishop of London during the reign of Elizabeth I and Archbishop of Canterbury under James I; or a jewelled pomegranate ring thought to have graced the hand of Charlotte Atholl, who married the 3rd Duke of Atholl in 1753. But there will be some cheaper bargains in the sale, which includes ancient Greek and Roman and art deco rings and a good selection of medieval and Renaissance designs.

Fair deals

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Victoria McKee

TOMORROW

The psychosis of fatherhood: do men also suffer from post-natal depression?

Ills of the doctor's wife

TALKBACK

From Joanna Cox
Weston Street
East Chinnock, Somerset

A "Doctor in the House" (September 22) is not only a mixed blessing, he/she should carry a government health warning. I was amazed that Mary Hartill had home visits for her children. The doctors' wives I know avoid bothering their GPs if at all possible and wouldn't dream of asking for home visits, being only too aware of how hard their GPs work.

I recently called my own (super) GP to my baby son at 11.30pm on a Sunday night (a crime in our books little short of murder). My baby was very ill and we spent a terrified week at Bristol Sick Children's Hospital (God bless them) but I do remember a distinct feeling of relief that, as my baby had nearly died, I hadn't called my GP out unreasonably.

Rupert is making good progress now – at least, I think he is. You see, nobody actually tells *me* anything. Information is passed to my GP husband at lunchtime meetings or on the stairs of the local hospital or when he bumps into someone. I could go on, but the phone is ringing and we are on call . . .

From Christina Gordon
Heyshott
Midhurst

One disadvantage encountered by doctors' wives and not mentioned in your article is when the doctor himself is ill, particularly with a psychiatric disorder, and refuses to acknowledge or accept treatment. All too often, the colleagues close their eyes to the situation, the wife and family are thereby denied the help – the GP, psychiatric social worker, *et al* – to which others have access. This may cause misery in a family and may well exacerbate the original condition. In a field of work in which stress-related disorders are, statistically, above average, the "Nelson's eye" approach does no credit to a respected and usually caring profession.

From Pamela Jenkins
Risclaw Crescent
Edinburgh

Alexandra King does well to question whether their status is a plus or minus for a doctor's family. In our case, not only will my husband refuse to treat the children and me, but on our return from the clinic (we wait like everyone else) he will most probably disagree with the diagnosis and flush the prescribed medicine down the lavatory. Physicians' wives – heal themselves!

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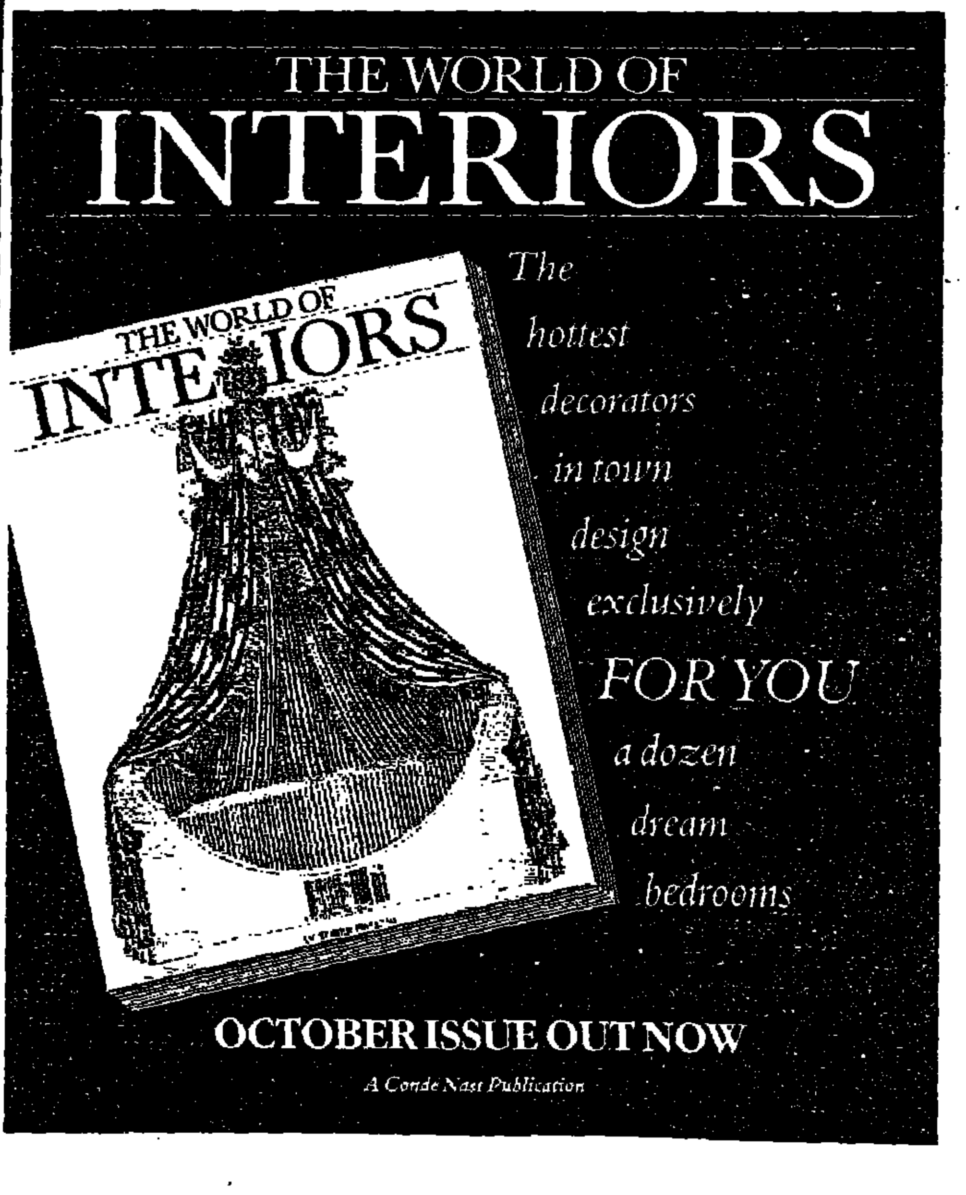

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A SPECIAL REPORT
By Peter Davenport

Walking tall with success again

The downwards spiral has been halted and again Merseyside is finding new pride and wealth – from industry, the sea, the services sector and tourism

TONY HALL

John Ritchie, MDC's chief executive, framed by the old Mersey docks which he and chairman Philip Carter, left, have fought successfully to renovate. "Wherever I go," says Dr Ritchie, "everybody is bullish about Merseyside"

A vibrant new mood is evident on Merseyside. "There is," says Philip Carter, chairman of Merseyside Development Corporation, "an expectation among the people here that they are emerging from a dark period of their history and moving towards the development of real prosperity."

For anyone who has followed the fortunes of Liverpool and its surrounding area over the last decade those words are a welcome confirmation of of the new mood of buoyancy.

At times over the past years, when factory closures, social problems, street riots and bureaucratic confrontation with central government by the then Militant-dominated city council made the daily headlines, it seemed that the nation was witnessing the death throes of a once great city bent on communal suicide.

Even its one constant source of pride, the success of its football teams, was marred by the events at the Heysel stadium involving Liverpool supporters.

Now that downward spiral' has been arrested and turned around. A new pride, increased confidence and a sense of excitement at the potential opportunities have replaced the depression and despair, and Merseyside is again walking tall with its achievements.

Mr Carter, the former chief executive of the Merseyside-based Littlewoods empire, and chairman of that other local institution, Everton Football Club, says: "Socially, politically and economically we have been through difficult times, but now the confidence of the people in their region has changed, and the perception of those outside Merseyside has also improved.

"Wherever I go everybody is bullish about Merseyside. People are starting to lift their heads up and take a pride in the place again."

Merseyside still has its problems. Unemployment, although 3 per cent down on last year, is still more than twice the national average of around 17 per cent, with more than 105,000 out of work. Crime, drug abuse, dereliction and areas of poor housing, especially on the satellite estates, remain areas of concern. But there are now success stories to be heard.

Merseyside comprises the districts of Liverpool, St Helens, Knowsley, Sefton and Wirral, and has a population of 1.5 million on both sides of the River Mersey.

The regeneration of the derelict Albert Dock complex by the Merseyside Development Corporation into one of Europe's most impressive maritime schemes symbolizes the new beginning for the area. It has brought new life, jobs and style to the waterfront, and the MDC's commitment, often in the face of enormous difficulties and noisy cynics, is paying off in increased leisure, tourist, commercial and industrial activity.

Most importantly, perhaps, it has emphasized that a big, quality development can be a catalyst to a wholesale change in the fortunes of a region.

The MDC's area is now to be trebled to take in other large, rundown chunks of land on both sides of the river, and the projected developments over the next seven to 10 years will give Merseyside a fresh face for the 21st century.

Traditionally, industry in Merseyside was linked to the port and related activities which have been in decline locally and internationally for much of this century. However, the local port authority has arrested the decline and is now in profit.

Merseyside is the home of the Littlewoods organization, the UK's largest privately owned company, with more than 36,000 employees nationwide and about 8,000 locally.

Its origins lie in the football pools company created by the then John Moores and two partners in 1923. Today it has diversified into mail order and chain stores which, by 1987, had a turnover in its retail operations of almost £1.5 billion.

The organization has established close links with the community over its 65-year history and is involved in charitable, sporting and cultural activities.

Many famous companies, however, are no longer in the area, their closures adding to the unemployment queues. One of the ironies of Merseyside's predicament, however, was that even when firms invested heavily on re-equipping with modern technology, it often meant fewer jobs as a result.

A table of employment in the region presents some perhaps surprising statistics. The largest number of jobs, more than 100,000, are in professional services, with other main areas being distribution 74,000, government 39,500, food 33,500, construction 30,000, transport 45,600, glass 9,400, vehicle manufacture 15,400, and electrical and mechanical engineering 30,000.

General productivity is higher and days lost through industrial disputes lower than the common perception.

Dennis Morrison, a senior official of the Government-appointed Merseyside Task Force, set up in the wake of the 1981 riots by Michael Heseltine, then Environment Secretary, also reflects the atmosphere of returning confidence in the area.

He says: "At the low points in the last few years, the only interest we got from the outside was from those who thought they could witness the death of a major conurbation. Now the number of inquiries about potential investors setting up on Merseyside is increasing."

The area has excellent communications by road, rail, sea and through two regional airports, Liverpool with a new terminal opened in March 1986, and Manchester, Britain's third largest airport, 45 minutes away by motorway.

Liverpool Freeport, the largest in the UK and the only one adjacent to a major seaport, offers manufacturing and distribution companies financial advantages. Last year it handled cargo worth more than £100 million from more than 80 countries.

Increasingly, too, tourism is stressed as vital to the future prosperity of the region.

David Kern, the chief economist of the National Westminster Bank, told a recent meeting of Merseyside businessmen that economic indicators for the region have never been better.

Tourism, he said, is the fastest-growing industry and it would have a significant effect on the falling unemployment rate. Already 20,000 jobs are thought to depend directly on leisure and tourism, and 20 million visitors a year put around £300 million into the local economy.

Mr Heseltine, who was a key figure in setting up many of the Government-led initiatives, said recently: "Many of those initiatives can be seen to have worked: yesterday's sites have become attractive environments, housing estates have taken on a new life, training centres are seen as the stepping stone to a job.

"The response has come from both individuals and from the business community whose commitment to the rebirth of their city has been impressive.

"There is a generation of work ahead but now at least we know the foundations upon which we can build."

Investment millions produce results

Some of the core manufacturing firms on Merseyside are at the forefront of their fields – Plessey in communications, Pilkington's in glass and Dista in biotechnology-based pharmaceuticals.

Both Ford and Vauxhall manufacture vehicles locally. Ford productivity at Halewood, once unfavourably compared with sister plants in Belgium and West Germany, is now on a par with the best in Europe and Japan.

Ford is Merseyside's biggest private employer and almost £400 million has been spent in the last few years retooling for future models.

The last six years have also seen substantial investment by many other leading companies. A table drawn up by the organization Business Opportunities on Merseyside (Boom), disclosed the following recent investment statistics:

Ford vies with Europe

Pilkington Glass £75 million, Plessey £60 million, Bibby £40 million, Dista Products £20 million, English Estates £17 million, Marconi £13 million, and Lever Brothers £12 million. There have also been substantial investments by Birds Eye, Metal Box and Delco Electronics.

As well as industry, Merseyside has a thriving maritime trading and financial services sector. Ocean Transport and Trading, whose freight forwarding, shipping and distribution services operate worldwide, has its HQ in Liverpool; Royal Insurance, one of the world's leading companies, has its largest concentration of staff in the city.

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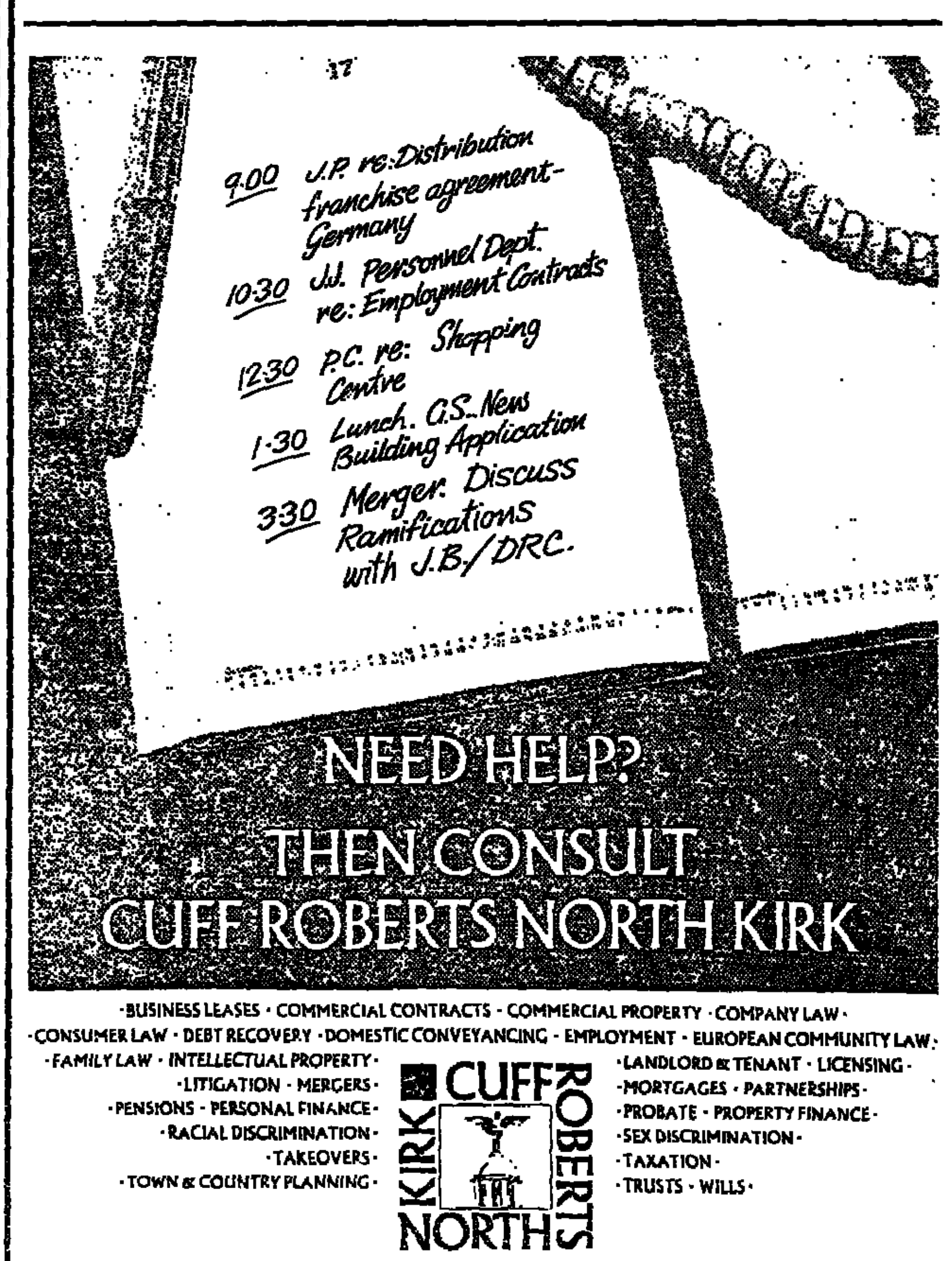

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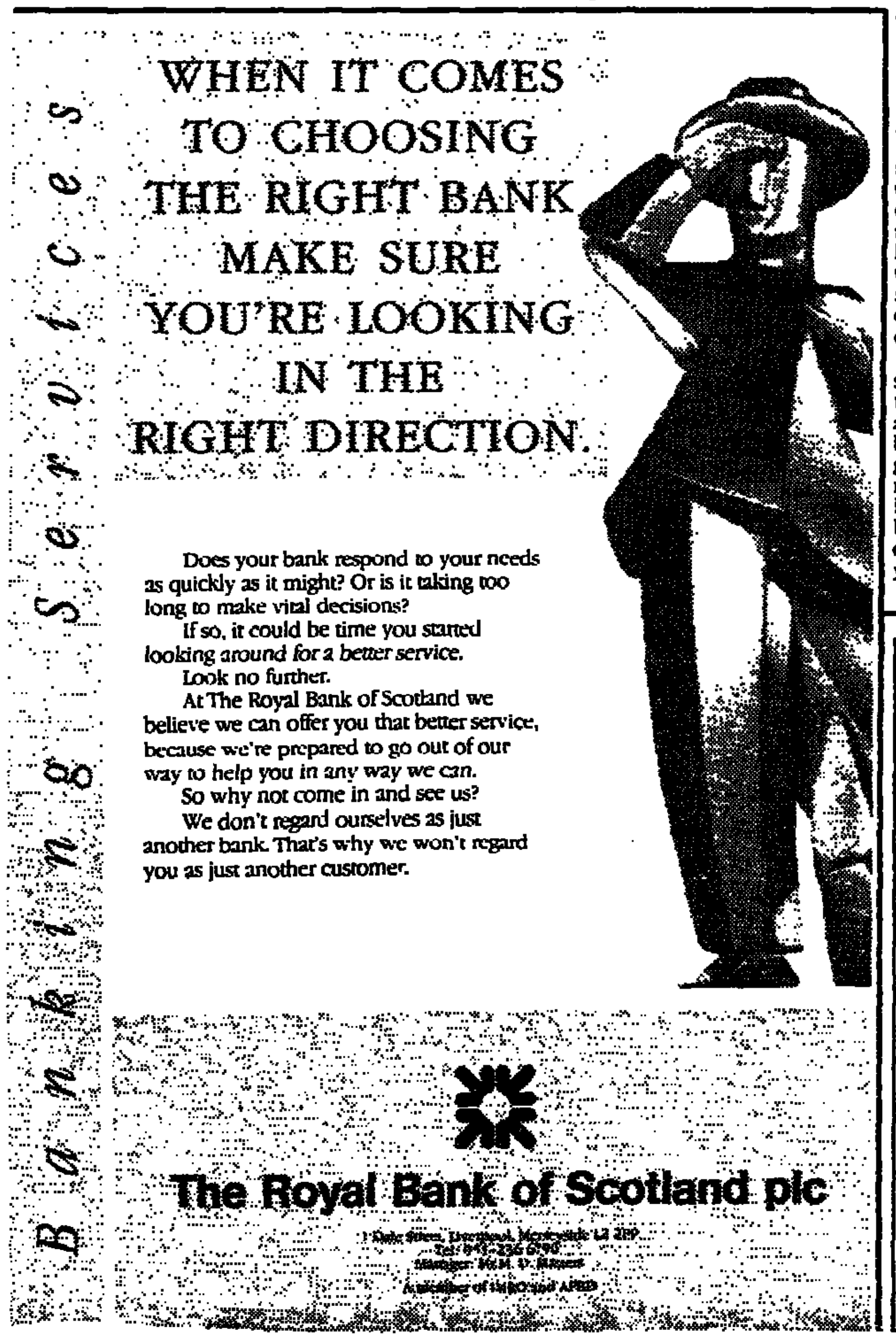

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An 'appalling eyesore' has become a symbol of hope for industrial regeneration

A parking place for technology

One of the most striking success stories on Merseyside, and a symbol of its determination to move with the industrial times, is the creation of the Wavertree Technology Park.

In 1983 it was merely 64 acres of depressing inner-city dereliction; a long-defunct railway yard that somehow seemed to sum-up the malaise of Liverpool.

Michael Heseltine, who as the then Secretary of State for the Environment launched the technology park project, wrote of his first impressions in his book, *Where There's a Will*: "It was an appalling eyesore – mainly railway yards which had hardly been used *for a decade; a great sprawl of* industrial wasteland. Planners and developers had repeatedly examined the possibility of salvaging the land but had given up in despair.

"It lay within two miles of the city's commercial centre, a silent but eloquent rebuke to a society where it was always someone else's responsibility. Nobody bothered. You drove through Liverpool; you looked at this terrible place and you drove on."

Mr Heseltine created a partner*ship between the public and private* sectors, represented by Plessey, whose plant overlooked the site, *English Estates, Liverpool City* Council and the then Merseyside County Council.

Sir John Clark, chairman of the Plessey organization, accepted the role as chairman of the Park company and he seconded senior staff to oversee its development. Today's chief executive is Stanton Fuller, a former regional director with the company.

'An exception site in a parkland setting two miles from the commercial centre'

Stanton Fuller, chief executive, Wavertree Technology Park

The picture at Wavertree now is vastly different from the site that proved so sore for Mr Heseltine's eyes; it has been transformed into a landscaped technology park which has succeeded beyond expectations, to such a degree that the city council *is now* undertaking a £50,000 survey with a view to a expansion.

Mr Fuller says there will be no problem filling an enlarged park.

There are 38 companies now on site and by the time the latest, Barclaycard, is up to strength, there will be about 1500 jobs.

The original plans foresaw the park achieving full occupancy, with *2,000 jobs, by 1995; at the current* rate that will be achieved four years ahead of schedule.

Many of the firms occupying the attractive, purpose- built units at Wavertree have established themselves at the head of their particular specialities.

The first to arrive was Plessey Crypto which specializes in the *development of* secure communications equipment for the military. Last year saw record orders of more than £30 million; recently it won a *Nato contract worth £12.5 million* and it is also moving into the area of combatting industrial espionage.

The bio-chemical manufacturer Powell and Scholefield is moving into American and European markets with its range of specialized nutritional products. Rytrak Semiconductor is engaged on pioneering work towards enabling the concept of ultra-thin television screens to *become reality*.

Strong links have also been established with the University of Liverpool and Liverpool Polytechnic to encourage the transfer application of advanced scientific research.

But it is not just the large firms *which are making a success* of the move to Wavertree.

One of its youngest entrepreneurs is *Michael Price. He set up a firm* providing computer software for the international construction industry and the Laing group has just acquired a 30 per cent interest with a view to buying the entire business in three years.

It has put the young Mr Price into the Lotus sportscar and luxury waterfront apartment class.

Mr Fuller, the park's chief exec*utive says*: "We have the advantages of an exceptional site, a parkland setting – we planted *62,000* trees and *150,000 shrubs* – which is one mile from the motorway and two miles from the commercial centre of Liverpool.

"We also offer facilities and services which small firms could not afford on their own – a conference suite for training sessions and seminars as well as business services – plus a recently-installed helicopter pad."

A happier truth emerges from behind the lurid headlines

When Geoffrey Piper moved from the Channel Islands office of the leading accountancy firm, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells to head its operation on Merseyside he found, he now admits, a decidedly depressed mood prevailing.

Many people, he says, believed there was no hope for the area and that they were witnessing an inevitable decline. Mr Piper set about changing that and the result has been the creation of an *organization – supported now by the* professions and the public and private sector and the area's local authorities – called Business Opportunities on Merseyside, Boom for short.

Its aim has been to encourage and stimulate a new image for Merseyside, the intention being to "lever in" new *investment and jobs. It* has involved bringing leaders of industry and commerce to the city and showing them the truth behind some of the more lurid headlines.

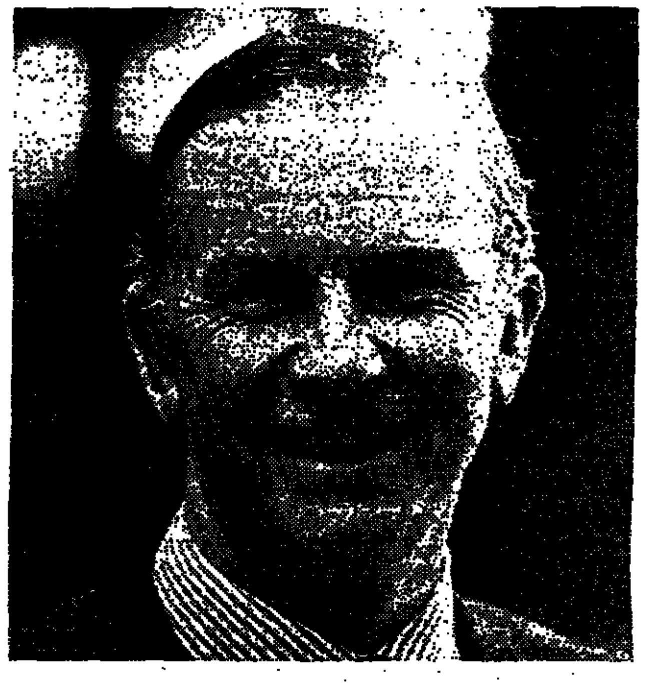
***Boom has also taken its wares to the* heart of the City in London with a conference at the Barbican.**

A great transformation of mood and image

***Boom was established last January* but already has had remarkable success. Mr Piper said: "I think we can justly claim to have played a major part in the absolute transformation of the mood in Merseyside and in the image of the area."**

It is starting to pay off in practical terms with an increase in potential inward investors and a new sense of optimism among those business leaders already in the area.

Mr Piper identifies several key elements in the future success of Merseyside: the proposals for a £300 million barrage across the Mersey creating up to 5,000 jobs, the prospect of a direct British Rail line from Liverpool to the Eurotunnel, the success of the Liverpool Freeport, which together with the Port of *Liverpool* returned 80 per cent increased profits last year for the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, and the Wavertree Technology Park. Interest is also being expressed in the creation of a £50 million business park on the site of the former Dunlop plant at Speke by Baltic Developments. In the city itself, a series *of restored transit* shed and dock warehouses, now known as the Brunswick Business Park, is providing accommodation for *small* firms.



Geoffrey Piper: Changing the view that there was no hope

Keva Coombes: The days of open warfare are over

How the council changed its tune

The Liverpool City Council under its new non-Militant leadership has a pragmatic approach, and is eager to work with the public sector in the wider interests of the city.

The council's Labour leader, *Keva Coombes, said* recently: "The days of open warfare between the council and the Government are gone. We will act together for the common good of the city.

"We want to attract as much development as we possibly can."

It is hoped that the Merseyside Integrated Development Operation, backed by local councils, government agencies and the private sector, will lever funds from the European Community towards a massive £300 million plan to create 20,000 jobs in the area over the next five years.

Mr Coombes is confident, since a trip to Brussels, that the Community will provide *£165* million towards the total bill for a wideranging programme of works and investment. A delegation from Brussels will visit Merseyside before Christmas and the decision is expected early next year.

Because the whole of Merseyside has Development Area status it qualifies for the highest rates of government grants.

Manufacturing firms in the area have preferential access to long term finance from the *European Investment Bank*.

Loans of up to 50 per cent of the fixed asset cost of projects may be available on favourable terms from the bank for projects which assist European regional development.

The UK alone is said to *account for 43 per cent of all* venture capital raised in the Community and among the sources from which it is available on Merseyside is the organization Investors in Industry (3i), whose local director is Robert Toomey.

3i provides finance for projects such as start-ups, management buy-outs and *expansion schemes in sums* from as small as £50,000 without any upper limit. It also provides access to investment facilities and corporate advice.

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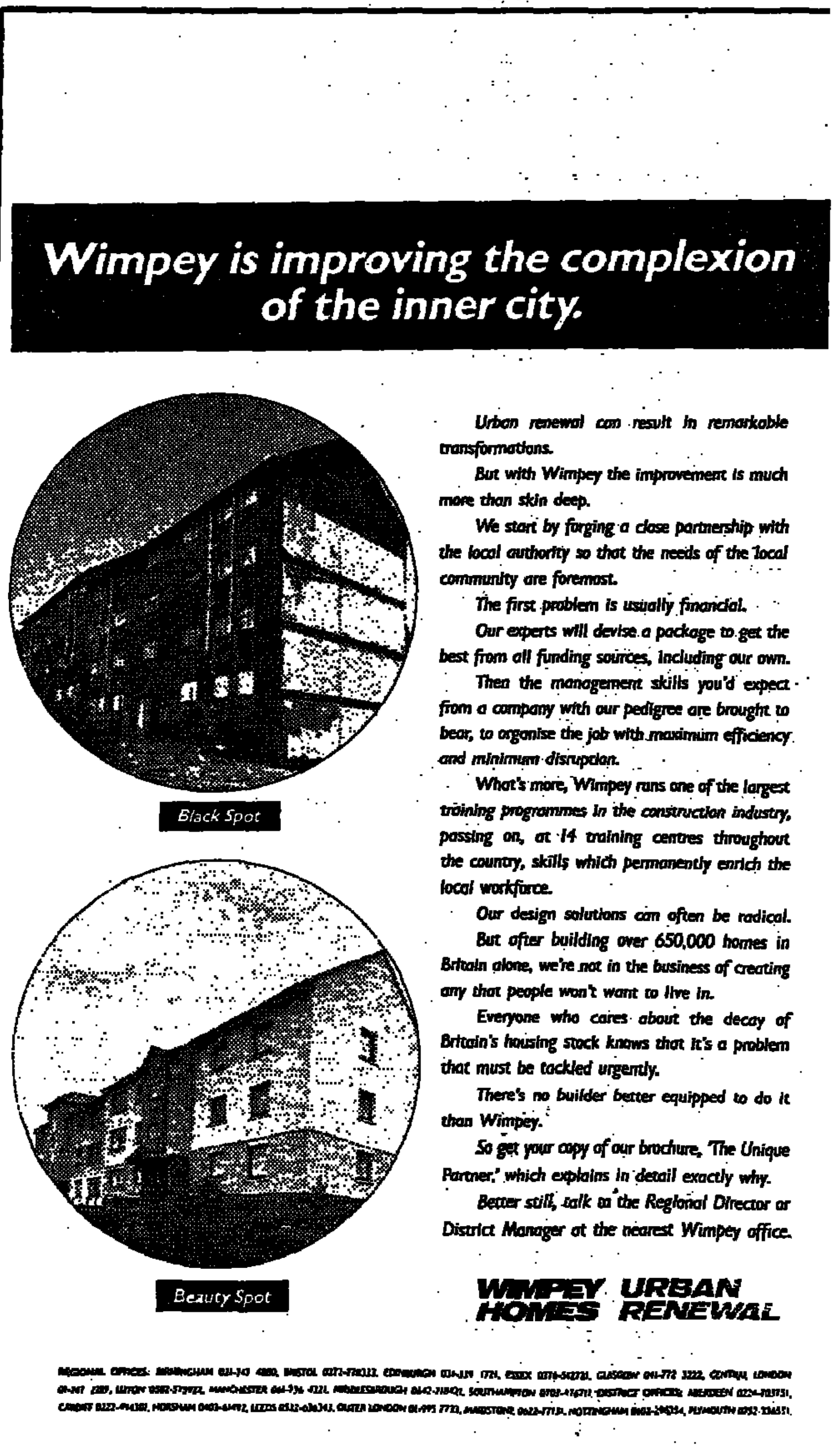

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Liver bird rises from the ashes

From his fourth-floor office in the Royal Liver Building on Liverpool's historic pierhead, Dr John Ritchie enjoys an enviable panorama. "That", he says, the sweep of his arm taking in an expanse of the Mersey estuary, sparkling below in the brittle sunshine of an autumn afternoon, "is our biggest asset, and it comes free. You simply couldn't create something like that."

Dr Ritchie is the chief executive of the Merseyside Development Corporation, set up by the Government seven years ago to try to create a brighter future for the area by removing some of its ugliest physical eyesores.

Its job was to regenerate 860 acres of some of the worst dereliction in the country, a largely decrepit waterfront that had a workforce of only 1,500, earning their wages in a ramshackle collection of sheds and converted workshops.

Its social facilities comprised one public toilet and two telephone boxes, often vandalized and out of use.

So extensive was the dereliction that of the £120 million of Government money the corporation has used, £80 million was spent on reclamation work beneath the ground, unseen by the public.

For each acre of land bought by the MDC for £6,000, it had to spend £100,000 restoring it to a condition where it was worth £40,000 on the commercial market.

But it was essential work if the objective of giving the waterfront and its collection of Grade I-listed warehouses and dock buildings — the largest in the UK — a fresh future was to be achieved.

This has been achieved. The restored Albert Dock complex, with its high-quality residential, shopping and leisure facilities, the Tate Gallery and the Maritime Museum are a testimony to what can be achieved against the odds in the battle to revive the worst of Britain's inner cities.

The remarkable transformation of the waterfront has provided a new lease of life and is a source of pride to Merseyside. After five difficult years, especially at the height of confrontation between the then Militant-controlled Liverpool City Council and central government, when business, industrial and commercial confidence plummeted, confidence on all fronts is now returning with fresh verve.

The last 12 months, says Dr Ritchie, have shown a tremendous turnaround in the attitude of private investors and, barring current interest rate uncertainty, future investment potential looks good.

Office rentals in the city are rising, providing the incentive for property developers.

The 100,000 sq ft Mercury Court office development by English Estates has provided a significant boost to the market. To achieve its success, the MDC has had to stand some traditional ideas on their heads. Instead of first creating new industry, followed by demand for housing and then leisure facilities for the workers, it provided leisure and tourist attractions first, which in turn led to high-quality, private sector housing, followed by re-furbished industrial premises.

The next phases, says Dr Ritchie, are commercial office development and inward industrial provision.

A revitalized waterfront has attracted other developments. A £26 million scheme is already underway to transform the Wapping area, near the Albert Dock, providing a big indoor events arena with the first facilities in Britain for major international ice-skating, a 70,000 sq ft shopping complex, a multi-screen cinema and hotel, and 1,000 new jobs.

With one success under its belt, the MDC now faces another, bigger challenge which offers it the opportunity of creating the face of Merseyside for the 21st century.

Its area of operations is being extended by 1,600 acres, incorporating further large slices of Liverpool, Birkenhead and New Brighton in a programme of regeneration taking up to 10 years.

About £95 million of new Government funds are expected to attract £180 million of private sector investment, with additional spin-off benefits for nearby areas.

The report by the London accountants Coopers and Lybrand, which formed the advice to the Secretary of State for the Environment on the extension of the MDC area, recommended, among other things, the creation of a direct link between the city centre and the Pier Head, now separated by the busy inner ring road.

Dr Ritchie says private developers are already expressing interest in the new areas of the MDC's operations, in some cases snapping up investment properties before the corporation can purchase.

The physical appearance of Merseyside will also be drastically affected if the EEC approves the Merseyside Integrated Development Operation (Mido), drawn up by government agencies, local councils and commercial representatives.

The Beatles and the Grand National are playing their part in a regional renaissance

Ian Crawford

Samir Rihani, chief executive of Merseyside's tourist board: "The area and the people have something special"

Mersey beat takes off

Tourism is probably the fastest growing industry on Merseyside, and the eleventh biggest employer. So it is appropriate that the head of its tourism board is living proof of the attractions of the area to the outsider.

Samir Rihani, the board's chief executive, is a Lebanese who came to study at Liverpool University 32 years ago and stayed on. "I guess that is proof enough that the area and the people have something special to offer," he says.

The Merseyside Tourism Board is a non-profit making private company set up in March 1986 after the abolition of the Merseyside County Council. Its aim is not only to attract more visitors to the area, and encourage them to stay longer and spend more money, but to make tourism the means of improving Merseyside's image, assisting inward investment and creating new jobs.

A recent report by the board says: "All indications are that tourism on Merseyside is expanding. Whilst it would be foolish to look upon tourism as the panacea for all Merseyside's problems, it is probably the number one growth industry in the county. It appears to have weathered the recession remarkably well and in line with national trends offers realistic growth prospects for the future."

Liverpool's tourist appeal — first displayed with the International Garden Festival four years ago, which attracted more than three million visitors — is now drawing increasing numbers of people to the area. It pulls in about 20 million visitors a year, who spend some £300 million, and it is thought that perhaps 20,000 jobs depend, directly and indirectly, on the trade.

Hotels that four years ago registered a bed occupancy of only 35 per cent now have the highest figure in the North-West. The aim is to attract the longer-staying visitor and the lucrative conference trade.

The centrepiece of Merseyside's attractions is the splendid Albert Dock complex, the largest area of Grade I buildings anywhere in the UK and renovated to provide shops, restaurants and leisure facilities of a high quality. It is also the home of the Maritime Museum and the Tate in the North, as well as providing residential and office facilities.

Over the next five years, the revived waterfront is expected to attract five million visitors a year and provide 2,000 full-time jobs. An ambitious scheme to build a £500 million barrage across the Mersey is the subject of a detailed feasibility study and the project, should it go ahead, could provide 5,000 jobs and create new potential for tourist developments.

But the area has more than the Albert Dock to offer the visitor; there are the associations with the Beatles which still draw fans from around the world, its football teams, golf courses, Aintree, the home of the Grand National, and some of the most impressive museums and art galleries in the country.

The Walker Art Gallery includes exhibits from the Gothic to Pop Art with works by Rembrandt, Poussin, Stubbs, Turner and Hockney. Even its two famous cathedrals attract more than 350,000 visitors a year.

The main concert hall on Merseyside is the Philharmonic Hall, home of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Empire, Playhouse and Everyman theatres have national reputations. The qualities of its writers, poets, musicians and artists are of the highest standard.

Mr Rihani says: "Tourism can help redress the poor image which the world at large has of Merseyside. Concerted, vigorous and sustained promotion of Merseyside as a tourist destination is more effective, and less costly, than an image-changing public relations campaign.

"If Merseyside is perceived as a tourist destination it will complement efforts to attract industrial and commercial development, including company directors, executives and their families."

To that end, the tourism board offers a service to companies out to attract executives to the area. It will "hand-hold" them and their wives and children on familiarization visits, highlighting the housing and social benefits and even helping them quickly to assimilate into local society when they do move.

Mr Rihani, a trained civil engineer, who formerly worked in local government on Merseyside as a town planner, adds: "One of our biggest problems is that the people who speak about us do not know us. Of course there are problems; what modern city doesn't? But we have a tremendous amount to offer."

"Once we get people here we have won the battle. In a survey, 25 per cent of people who had not visited the area thought it was dirty and violent, yet only 2 per cent of those who actually came thought that way."

Tourism is currently the fastest-growing industry in the area, its eleventh largest employer and, says David Kearns, the chief economist of the National Westminster Bank, the labour- intensive nature of the industry would have a significant effect on employment figures in Merseyside.

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☆ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and *Ann Miller stars in nostalgia show vastly* popular on Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm and mats Thurs and Sat 2.30-5pm, £8.50-£22.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-405 0072)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** *Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)...* ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **Germinal:** Pip Broughton's vigorous touring production for Paines Plough of Zola's classic novel of mining life.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Tonight £4, then Mon-Thurs £4.50-*£5.75, Fri and Sat £5-£6.50.*

GLASGOW: ☆ **Richard III:** Ciaran Hinds plays the Crookback, with audience as well as actors on stage while rebuilding proceeds front of house.
Citizen's Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, £3.

RICHMOND: ☆ **Ring Around The Moon:** Michael Siberry, Googie Withers, José Ferrer, Michael Denison bound for the West End in Anouilh's bittersweet comedy of love and money.
Richmond Theatre, The Green (01-940 0088), Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 5pm and 8.15pm, Wed mat 2.30pm, Mon-Thurs and mats £4.50-£9, Fri and Sat £5.50-£10.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

BUSTER (15): Singer Phil Collins makes his cinema debut in a film surveying the life and loves of Buster Edwards of Great Train Robbery fame (102 min).
≋ *Odeon Leicester Square (01-930* 6111). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis (116 min).
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200).
Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

DROWNING BY NUMBERS (18): Three generations of women, all called Cissie Colpitts, become involved with a coroner who knows about the deaths of their husbands in deep water (118 min).
≋ **Gate** (01-727 4043).
Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45.
≋ **Lumiere** (01-836 0891).
Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

POLTERGEIST III (15): Routine reworking of familiar situations, with the late Heather O'Rourke experiencing more poltergeist trouble in a Chicago high rise. Directed by Gary Sherman (97min).
Cannon, Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon, Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.50, 7.10, 9.35.
≋ **Cannon, Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 6.55, 9.15.
≋ **Empire** (01-437 1234).
Progs 2.15, 4.30, 7.00, 9.15.

THE RUNNING MAN (18): Shallow futuristic thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger as an escaped prisoner forced to appear on a gladiatorial TV game show. Directed by *Paul Michael Glaser (101 min).*
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

A WORLD APART (PG): Barbara Hershey as a liberal journalist fighting apartheid. Chris Menges directs (112 min).
≋ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50.

A daring enterprise

"The Reluctant Revolutionary" is a good enough label for Schoenberg because he was possessed by a profound sense of musical tradition and hence was a less willing innovator than his peers Bartók and Stravinsky. This major South Bank concert series, which begins tonight with his incomplete opera *Moses and Aron*, will include his every composition plus much work by key predecessors such as Brahms and Mahler. It will entail some tough listening because although Schoenberg was a reluctant revolutionary he was a completely uncompromising one. Seminal achievements of 20th-century art like *Pierrot Lunaire, Die Jakobsleiter* and *Erwartung* will be present, together with much other Schoenberg that we rarely get a chance of hearing. And it will have distinguished advocacy from such performers as Boulez, Abbado, Rattle and Pollini. This daring enterprise, which includes lectures and an exhibition, offers a realistic opportunity for reassessing one of the major figures in the music of our century. It will be interesting to see, among other things, whether his comic opera *Von heute auf Morgen*, the largest completed work of his maturity, is at last recognized for what it is — *the long-buried Schoenberg masterpiece*. *Moses and Aron*: Festival Hall, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£12. ***Max Harrison***

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ZENNOR TRIOS:** Beethoven's String Trio Op 9 No 3 and Dohnáyi's Serenade Op 10 are heard from the Zennor Trio.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.50pm, £2.

☆ **McLOUGHLIN MUSIC:** The pianist Ann McLoughlin plays Schubert's *Moments Musicaux* Nos 1, 2, 4 and 5, Chopin's Etudes Op 10 Nos 5 and 11.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **HELLABORINE SONG:** In the "Majesty of Widor" organ recital series Nicholas Kynaston gives the world premiere of Peter Lawson's *Song of the Broad Hellaborine* besides performing Sokola's Passacaglia quasi Toccata on B-A-C-H and Widor's Symphony No 6.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50.

☆ **RUSSIAN EVENING:** The baritone Sergei Leiferkus sings Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death* and *Song of the Flea*, following with arias from Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades*, Rubinstein's *The Demon*, Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Czar's Bride*, Rachmaninov's *Aleko* and Borodin's *Prince Igor*. Graham Johnson accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

☆ **GERARDY/HELIOS:** Riki Gerardy conducts the Helios Orchestra in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 1, Mozart's Symphony No 39 and Elisabeth Perry solos in Beethoven's Violin Concerto.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.

OPERA

☆ **DAS RHEINGOLD:** New production by Yuri Lyubimov launching the Royal Opera's new Ring cycle and conducted by Bernard Haitink.
Covent Garden, *London WC2 (01-240* 1066) 8-10.30pm, £2.50-£75.

☆ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's almost over-thoughtful Rossini production for English National Opera, now with Peter *Coleman in the title role* and Della Jones repeating her splendid Rosina.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

★ **LA TRAVIATA:** Fiorella Pedicini leads the cast in Glyndebourne Touring Opera's presentation of the summer's production, now conducted by Sian Edwards.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 7-10pm, £10-£20.

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** Kent Opera revives Adrian Noble's production for its tour, with cast led by Peter Knapp and Jill Gomez, and conducted by Ivan Fischer.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 28205), 7.15-10.20pm, £6-£16.

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Scottish Opera revives Jonathan Miller's delightfully bookish production once more, with Maldwyn Davies, Jane Leslie Macenzie and Nan Christie. Yoram David conducts.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£23.

DANCE

☆ **BODY LANGUAGE:** Five works for London Contemporary Dance Theatre.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595) 7.30-10pm.

☆ **GISELLE:** Peter Darrell's dramatic production for Scottish ballet.
Darlington Civic Theatre, (0325 486555) 7.30-9.45pm. £4-£6.50.

GALLERIES

ANGRY PENGUINS: Realist painting in Melbourne in the 1940s.
Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223), Tues-Sun 11am-7pm, £1, until Nov 27.

ATHENA ART AWARDS: Works by winners and contenders for the most valuable art prize of £25,000.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10am-6.45pm, free, until Oct 30.

ANTIQUES FAIR: Major international dealers show their wares; plus From Dream To Steam, an early history of the travelling machine.
The Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-499 6321), Wed-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat-Sun 11am-7pm, Mon 11am-6pm, £5, until Oct 10.

ALAN GRIMWOOD (1948-1985): A sculpture retrospective.
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (01-435 2643), Mon-Fri *10am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free,* until Nov 6.

ELISABETH VELLACOTT: Recent figurative paintings and drawings.
New Arts Centre, 41 Sloane Street, London SW3 (01-235 5844), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm, free, until Oct 29.

JONATHAN THROSBY: Recent paintings.
Fabian Carlsson Gallery, 160 New Bond St, London W1 (01409 0619), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Oct 29.

ROCK

★ **EARTH, WIND & FIRE:** Led by Maurice White, this is a reformed, streamlined version of the Seventies' *soul sensation which got bogged down* in metaphysics, pyramid power and onstage levitating stunts.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £12.50-£15.

☆ **THE PROCLAIMERS:** The Spreckly twins from Auchtermuchty now rocking out with an electric band in tow.
Newcastle Polytechnic, Northumberland Road (091 232 8761) 8pm, £4.

☆ **TANITA TIKARAM:** The "Good Tradition" wunderkind promoting her debut album, *Ancient Heart*. Support is the Leeds-based roots guitarist, Brendan Croker.
Irish Centre, 57 Digbeth, Birmingham (021 622 2314) 8pm, £4.50.

JAZZ

☆ **DON WELLER:** A stalwart saxophonist, on tour with a quartet including Clark Tracey (drums) and Nick Weldon (piano).
The Piper Club, Newland Avenue, Hull (0482 43012) 9pm, £4.

☆ **GANG OF THREE:** Dave O'Higgins's electric trio blends bebop standards with witty jazz-funk. Support from the Ian Rigby Trio.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **WARREN VACHE:** The American swing cornettist sits in on two sessions - with Brian *Lemon followed by the* Humphrey Lyttelton Band.
Soho Jazz Festival, Pizza Express, 10 Dean St, London W1 (01-439 8722) 6.15pm to 8.45pm & 9.30pm to 1am, ring for prices.

☆ **BETTY CARTER:** Still in effusive *form, with another of her brilliant young* trios.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **JAZZ WARRIORS:** See caption.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8880) 7.45pm, £5.50.

Courtney Pine (above) leads the 20-piece band, the Jazz Warriors, into action at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight (see listing) at the start of a major Contemporary Music Network tour. The group, which has acted as a focus for young black musicians, was formed in 1985 and made its recording debut last year with the live album *Out Of Many, One People*. Much of tonight's performance will be devoted to a tribute to the Jamaican-born Free Jazz pioneer Joe Harriott, who died in obscurity in 1973.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Wed).

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50 (also next Wed).

THE CITY OF LONDON — 2,000 YEARS *OF HISTORY*: *meet* Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3 (also next Wed).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Wed).

OTHER EVENTS

HOLLYWOOD PORTRAITS: To celebrate the launch of his new book *Heads and Tales*, a unique collection of Cornell Lucas's portraits goes on show today. One of Britain's leading photographers, who has worked for 40 years in the film industry, Lucas has photographed many of the greats — Dietrich, Hepburn, Bacall and Niven among them. All photographs for sale.
The Special Photographers' Company, 21 Kensington Park Rd, London W11 (01-221 3489). Today until Oct 29. Mon-Fri 10am-6.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm. Free.

CHANCES: To *coincide* with the opening today of the exhibition "Chances" — work by members of the organisation working for the integration of disabled and able-bodied artists — readings by Alan Brownjohn, Maureen Duffy, Brian Patten and Carol Rumens.
The Poetry Society, *National Poetry Centre*, 21 Earls Court Sq, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, readings 7.30pm. Adult £5 student £2.50.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTORS FAIR: 200 stands selling a wide range of antiques.
The Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex. 10am-4pm. Admission 60p.

ACKERMAN'S AUTUMN SHOW: Annual exhibition of sporting art includes *Stallion and Mare* by George Stubbs, *hare hunting scenes by John Wootton* and foxhunting scenes by Henry Alken senior.
Arthur Ackerman & Son, 33 New Bond St, London W1 (01-493 3288). Until Oct 29, Mon-Fri *10am-5pm*, Sat 10am-1pm. Admission free. Catalogue £5.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BELFAST FESTIVAL: Programme includes concerts with Ulster Orchestra, Yehudi Menuhin, Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo String Quartet, and Renaissance Singers; Medici String Quartet and Timothy West in Beethoven programme; folk music with the Spinners, Boys of the Lough, Celtic Strings, and Archie Fisher; and *jazz at the Guinness Spot*, with Alan Price Band, Loose Tubes, and Clark Tracey Quintet. Nov 9-26.
Box Office, 25 College Gardens, Belfast (0232 665577, cc 0232 666321). Postal booking open — Courier/phone from Oct 17.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Programmes include British premiere of Paul Taylor's *Arden Court*, world premiere of Daniel Larrieu ballet, Jonathan Lunn's *Shift* and *Bottom's Dream*, and *Stand by Your Man* to music by Tammy Wynette. Also *Giant Steps, Three Dances for Trois Gnossiennes, Good Morning Monsieur*, and *Interlock*. Nov 22-Dec 3.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01 278 8916).

LAST CHANCE

***MADAGASCAR: ISLAND OF THE* ANCESTORS:** Display on history of one of world's largest islands, with reconstructions of a village, tombs and canoe; paintings, jewellery, weapons and crafts. Until Sunday.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London W1.

1988 ANNUS MIRABILIS: Centenary celebration of musicians born in 1888, including Lotte Lehmann (opera star), Archie Camden (bassoonist), Hans Knappertsbusch (conductor) and Felix Salmond (cellist). Ends today.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Barbirolli/LSO/Du Pré, *HMV*
2	(2)	**Sibelius: Symphonies**	CBSO/Rattle, *HMV Reflexe*
3	(3)	**Albinoni: Adagio/Pachelbel: Canon**	BPO/Karajan, *DG*
4	*(6)*	***Elgar: Cello Concerto***	*Lloyd Webber/RPO, Philips*
5	(4)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	AAM/Hogwood, *L'Oiseau Lyre*
6	(8)	**Holst: The Planets**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
7	(9)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Bareboim/Du Pré, *CBS*
8	(5)	**Lloyd Webber: Requiem**	Domingo/Brightman/ECO, *HMV*
9	(10)	**Wagner: Tanhauser**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
10	(11)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2**	Boult/LPO, *Decca Classical*
11	(—)	***Holst: The Planets***	*Previn/RPO, Telarc*
12	(19)	**Beethoven: Symphonies 1 & 6**	Norrington/LCP, *HMV Reflexe*
13	(15)	**Gilbert & Sullivan: HMS Pinafore**	Sargent/GFO, *HMV*
14	(17)	**The Mozart Collection**	Paumgartner/CAS, *Masterpieces*
15	(13)	**Mendelssohn/Bruch: Violin Concertos**	Mutter/Karajan/BPO, *DG*
16	(14)	**Beethoven Symphony 5**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
17	(—)	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture**	Dutoit/MSO, *Decca Classical*
18	(—)	***Holst: The Planets***	*Solti/LSO, Decca Classical*
19	(—)	**The Beethoven Collection**	Lindenburg/VSO, *Masterpieces*
20	(—)	**Grieg: Peer Gynt**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

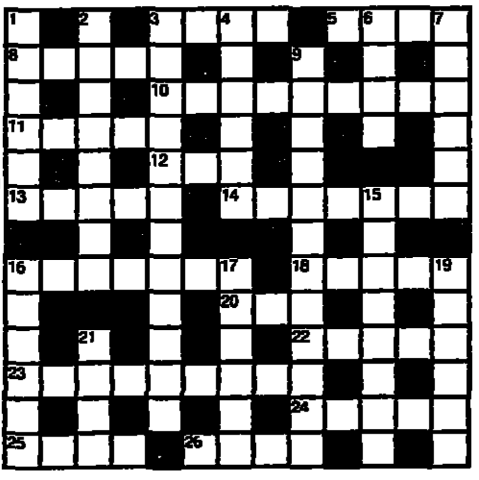
MINNESINGER
(b) One of the German lyrical poets and singers of the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries, from the German *minne* love + *-singer*, so called because love was the principal theme of their songs; Scott (who else?): "The foolery of minstrels and strolling minnesingers."

PIACULAR
(c) Making expiation or atonement, expiatory, from the Latin *piare, expiare* to appease: "The great brazen altar of burnt offering, where piacular or bloody offerings were alone presented."

POINTY-HEADED
(a) Intellectual, cultured, cultivated, or in other such ways suspect and despicable; *Village Voice*: "Uninterested in any of the pointy-headed criticism generated in the last two decades."

EFFED
(b) An apocope of *effable*; utterable, speakable, explainable, from the Latin *effari, effatus* to speak: "The emblem for the undiscerned, the uneffed, the latent."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1685



ACROSS
3 Sea flow (4)
5 Stolen property (4)
8 Metal shaper (5)
10 Original model (9)
11 Latium people (5)
12 Range of knowledge (3)
13 Official vestments (5)
14 High chest of drawers (7)
16 Woven cloth (7)
18 States of mind (5)
20 Kenya president (3)
22 Synthetic cloth (5)
23 Overindulge (5-4)
24 Early wheat (5)
25 Inferior (4)
26 Employed (4)

DOWN
1 Stableman (6)
2 Sailor's chest (5,3)
3 Pilgrim Fathers celebration (12)
4 Pour without sediment (6)
6 Local customs (4)
7 Oily, unctuous (6)
9 Stupid (6-6)
15 Painter's burner (8)
16 Bell alarm (6)
17 Smouldering coals (6)
19 Miscellaneous (6)
21 Animal foot end (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1683 (Monday's crossword, the solutions to which did not appear in some editions yesterday)
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SOLUTION TO NO 1690 (the crossword printed yesterday)
ACROSS: 1 First officer 9 Drastic 10 Scrub 11 Exes 12 Barefoot 14 Boy 15 Oldie 16 Sal 18 Leapfrog 20 Jung 22 Inlet 23 Aquatic 24 Gabriel Fauré
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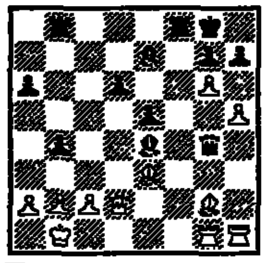
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Hellers (White) and Hansen (Black) in the tournament at Malmo this year. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Qa5 forcing decisive gain of material in all variations.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

THE PARK LANE HOTEL
ANTIQUES FAIR
5th-10th October
Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1.
01-499 6321.

THE PARK LANE ANTIQUES FAIR. Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1. Tel:01-499 6321. 5-10 October.

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 01-928 8800 Tonight at 7.30 pm BBC SO Sir John Pritchard. P. Langridge. G. Reich. P. Walmsley-Clarke. D. Wilson-Johnson Schoenberg: Moses und Aron (perf in German).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Tomor 7.00 Carmen.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. 8 CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Das Rheingold. Tomor 7.30 Die Entführung aus dem Serail

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CAMBRIDGE 379 5299 cc no bkg fee 741 9999/24hr bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 NOW BOOKING ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON BUDGIE The Musical. Opens Oct 18 Now Previewing Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3

COMEDY THEATRE Panton St. SW1 01-930 2578 Previews Oct 28,29,31 Nov 1 & 2 at 8.00 Matinee Sat Oct 29 at 4.00 First Night Nov 3 at 7.00 ALEC GUINNESS EDWARD HERRMANN in A WALK IN THE WOODS by LEE BLESSING Directed by RONALD EYRE Evgs. Tues-Sat 8.00 Mats Wed at 3.00 Sats at 4.00 cc First Call 7 day 24-hr 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) CCTB 01-741 9999 (Bkg Fee)

CRITERION S 867 1117 CC 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30, Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company BRIAN MURPHY JEFFREY HOLLAND JOHN JUNKIN LINDA HAYDEN RAY LONNEN BILL FOOT LESLIE LAWTON RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2000 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex SPECIAL CHARITY PERF 7 Oct 11.30pm all seats £10 bookable 01 867 1117/cc 01 867 1111 All Proceeds to Roy Kinnear Trust

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 867 1111/379 4444 PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE Until 8 Oct 7pm Hull Truck SALT OF THE EARTH. 9.15 Roy Hutchins WHALE NATION. 11.15 (Thu-Sat) DOUG ANTHONY ALLSTARS.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108 Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET WINNER OF THREE MAJOR 'BEST MUSICAL' AWARDS 1984 Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 01 930 6123

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 ALAN AYCKBOURN'S "DELIRIOUSLY FUNNY" D Tel HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES "PERFECTION...it will leave you weeping with laughter" D Exp "HILARIOUS" Today "THE FUNNIEST EVENING IN LONDON" NoW [illegible] Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

DOMINION (01) 580 9562 JIM DAVIDSON in CINDERELLA with SHERRIE HEWSON GEORGE SEWELL Opens Dec 17th for 6 wks.

FORTUNE 836 2238 CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Evenings 8.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE! Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 Mon to Fri 8pm Mat Tues 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm NOEL COWARD'S COMEDY EASY VIRTUE "...a triumph" D.Mail "Not to be missed" S.Tel "Hilarious... wonderful stuff" S.Exp

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee)-Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3.00 MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE From 25th October 1988 GERALDINE MCEWAN SARA KESTELMAN in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with MORAY WATSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) From Tomorrow Evgs 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30. (Oct 10 at 7.00) THE MILLIONAIRESS by George Bernard Shaw

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 HEDDA GABLER Previews from 7 Oct

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 First Call 24 hour 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (Bkg Fee) REX HARRISON EDWARD FOX "Ruled the Roost" D Exp. "Subtle, Powerful, Tender" Obs in J.M. BARRIE'S "Mischievous...Courageous Comedy" Sun Exp. THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON Evgs 8.00. Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 New booking period (Postal applications only) 3 April-30 Sept '89 Queue daily for returns

LONDON PALLADIUM From 21 December ALLO ALLO with the TV Stars IS BACK ON STAGE! 01 437 7373. CC (with bkg fee) First Call 24 hr/7 day 01 240 7200 & CC (no bkg fee) CCTB 01 741 9999/Open All Hours 01-379 4444/Group Sales 01 930 6123 REDUCED PRICE PARTIES FROM 5 JAN 1989

LYRIC 01 437 3686 01 434 1550 cc 01 434 1050/734 5166/741 9999 24 hr cc 379 4444/836 3464 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BRIAN RIX "Master Farceur" D Mail "Returns in his SMASH HIT" Time DRY ROT "A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!" D Mail "Ensemble Perfection.... Climactic LUNACY" FT Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Eves 7.45pm Mats: Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm. DREAMS IN AN EMPTY CITY by Stephen Sewell. Studio: Opens Tonight 7pm NATIVE AMERICA by Constance Congdon COMING SOON: 11-14 Oct 4 PERFS ONLY!! Sylvester McCoy (BBC'S DR WHO) in ZOO OF TRANQUILITY 15-25 Oct Perrier Award Winner JEREMY HARDY in AT HOME WITH THE HARDYS.

NATIONAL THEATRE SE1 Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Agencies, bkg fee: 240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER Today 1.45 THE WINTER'S TALE by Shakespeare. Ton't & Tomor 8.00 THE TEMPEST LYTTELTON Ton't & Tomor 7.45 THE SECRET RAPTURE new play by David Hare COTTESLOE Today 2.30 & 7.30 RUSSELL OF THE TIMES by James Hayes. Tomor 7.30 MRS KLEIN Cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10am

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 89

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821. Eves 7.30. Wed Mat 2.30. Sat 4.00 & 7.45. (11 Oct 7pm). THE TEMPEST by William Shakespeare Directed by Jonathan Miller Reduced price previews from Tomor. Press Night 11 Oct at 7.00 LIMITED SEASON

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO MAR 31 '89

PHOENIX 01 836 2294 cc 240 9661/741 9999 and 24hrs with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200 groups 836 2294/930 6123 The Renaissance Theatre Co's Shakespeare PLAYING THIS WEEK: Ton't at 7.45/Tomor at 2.30 & 7.45 HAMLET directed by Derek Jacobi Fri at 7.45/Sat at 4.00 & 8.00 AS YOU LIKE IT dir by Geraldine McEwan

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 The Fabulous Singlettes in STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE "A gloriously tongue-in-cheek tribute to the legendary girl groups" Times Mon-Thurs 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.50

PLAYHOUSE WC2 01 839-4401 SIMON CADELL LISA HARROW DOUBLE ACT by Barry Creyton. Eves 8pm Mats Tomor & Sat 3pm Must end Sat NED SHERRIN LOOSE ENDS with Star Guests. One perf only Sun Oct 9 at 8pm.

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eve 7.30 Mat Thur/Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS 'A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW' Newsweek

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Exp "TERRIFIC" Times "A Great Musical" S Times Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 24 hrs 01 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999/379 4444 24hr 7day cc 836 3464 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 TONY BRITTON GWEN WATFORD "A SMASH HIT" People by JEFFREY ARCHER BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT IN ITS 2ND YEAR! Mon-Sat 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30 Some goods seats avail for matinee tomorrow

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA 1958 - 1988. Now celebrating 30 SENSATIONAL YEARS at the world's centre of erotic entertainment.

ROYAL COURT 730 1745 CC 836 2428 THE RECRUITING OFFICER Ton't 8pm OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD Sat 8pm

SADLERS WELLS - LILIAN BAYLIS THEATRE 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 SADLERS WELLS THEATRE COMPANY present THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES by John Guare. From Oct 20 also booking THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT From Nov 17.

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888 cc 836 0479/379 6219 741 9999 (no bkg fee) CC 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (booking fee) Grps 930 6123 MICKEY ROONEY ANN MILLER "Perfection" ST "Phenomenal" Obs in SUGAR BABIES "SHEER MAGIC — SHEER UNREPEATABLE MAGIC" D Mail Eves 8 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 Limited Engagement. Book Now!

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE Box Office 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) cc 741 9999 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "A SUMPTUOUSLY STARRY PRODUCTION" FT "EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE" D Tel JULIA McKENZIE MILLICENT MARTIN DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & EARTHA KITT FOLLIES "After 14 months Follies remains THE BEST MUSICAL in London" Gdn. "Musicals don't come any more adult or any better" Time Out. "A HEAVENLY SHOW" Mail on Sunday Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. Group Discounts Wed Mats. Now booking to Jan '89

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660/4143/5190 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S "Masterpiece of Suspense" D Tel AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "WONDERFULLY INGENIOUS" STel Eves 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5.

STRAND cc 836 2660/4143/5190 cc 836 3464 741 9999 379 4444 Grps 240 7941 COLE PORTER'S "Greatest Musical" CAN-CAN DONNA McKECHNIE MILO O'SHEA BERNARD ALANE Opens 26 Oct Prevs from 14 Oct

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office and cc (0789) 295623 or First Call (with bking fee) 01 240 7200 (RST and SWAN) Royal Shakespeare Company at RST. No perfs Tonight: THE PLANTAGENETS: Edward IV Tomor, Fri, Sat 7.30, Mat Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre, Restoration Tonight, Sat 7.30, Mat Tomor 1.30, Constant Couple Tomor 7.30, The Man of Mode Fri 7.30, Mat Sat 1.30. The Other Place, Across OKA. Stop-Over Meal /ticket package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 cc 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Mon-Fri Evgs 7.45. Mat Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 MICHAEL GAMBON JONATHAN PRYCE IMELDA STAUNTON BENJAMIN WHITROW and GRETA SCACCHI in UNCLE VANYA by ANTON CHEKHOV in a new translation by MICHAEL FRAYN Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE LAST 6 WEEKS ENDS NOV 12

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317 LERNER & LOEWE'S BRIGADOON Prevs from 21 Oct, Opens 26 Oct. CC (bkg fee) 836 2428/741 9999 379 4444 (24hr) Group Sales 930 6123 THURS MATS ALL SEATS HALF PRICE

WHITEHALL 867 1119 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 "The Master's New Thriller" S.T FRANCIS DURBRIDGE'S A TOUCH OF DANGER "Firecracker Of A Thriller" N of W Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01-867 1116 cc 01-867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01-867 1113 "Enjoy JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE intelligent & stylish as ever" D.Ex in "This fascinating piece" D.Tel THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES A new play by Jeremy Paul Directed by Patrick Garland Mon-Fri 8.00. Sats. 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Wed 3.00

ART GALLERIES

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St James's, SW1. 839 3942. THE SELF PORTRAIT - A Modern View. Until 7 Oct. Mon-Fri 10-5.30, Sats 10-12.30.

PARKIN GALLERY, 11 Motcomb St. London SW1. Tel 01 235 8144. George Dannatt, Paintings 1970-1988.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY, W1. Recorded Info: 01-439 4996/7. Henry Moore, Jeffrey Camp Paintings 1949-1988. Open daily 10-6 inc Sun (reduced rate Sun am) Bryan Kneale: Bone Drawings. (Open daily 5-6 admission free.)

SPINK, King Street, St James's. SW1. Autumn Catalogue of English Watercolours. Until 28th *October. Mon-Fri 9.30 - 5.30.*

THACKERAY GALLERY 18 Thackeray St. W8. 01-937 5883. 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION. Until 21 Oct.

TRYON GALLERY, 23/24 Cork St. London W1. 01-734 6961/2256. "The Silvery Tay". Paintings and Sketches from a Scottish River by KEITH BROCKIE. 6 - 21 Oct. daily Mon-Fri 9.30 - 6pm.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Tube 485 2443 Atom Egoyan's FAMILY VIEWING (18) Progs 1.25 3.20 5.15 7.10 9.10.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Wim Wenders's WINGS OF DESIRE (15) Progs. 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 499 3737 MARCELLO MASTROIANNI in DARK EYES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun), 3.30, 6.0, 8.30. "A witty captivating film" S Tms "Sheer Joy" D Tel. LAST WEEK. From Fri AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG)

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661. MAGGIE SMITH JUDI DENCH in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.10, 8.40. Ltd Season.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. BARBARA HERSHEY in A WORLD APART (PG) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.10 8.50. "Humane, subtle and powerfully moving" FT.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691. Peter Greenaway's DROWNING BY NUMBERS (18) Progs 1.15 3.40 6.10 8.40 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 MY GIRLFRIEND'S BOYFRIEND (PG) Daily 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET 839 7697 All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. THE DECEIVERS (15) Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.45.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE 930 6111 Info 930 4250 / 4259. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service. BUSTER (15) Sep progs Daily Doors open 12.25 3.00 5.30 8.15. Progs at 12.40 3.15 6.00 8.40.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH 723 2011 All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. THE RUNNING MAN (18) Sep progs Daily 1.15 3.45 6.15 8.45.

ODEON WEST END Leicester Square 930 5252 All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 7615. 24 hour service. THE RUNNING MAN (18) Sep progs Daily 1.15 3.40 6.10 8.45.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (Russell Square Tube) 837 8402
1. BABETTE'S FEAST (U) 7TH GREAT MONTH Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50.
2. Wim Wenders's WINGS OF DESIRE (15) Progs 1.50 3.50 6.00 8.30.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *It's Your Move* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman, and John Stapleton reporting from the Labour Party conference in Blackpool. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. Regional news and weather at **8.55**.
9.00 News and weather, followed by **Miniature Worlds** which goes underwater to find out what lurks beneath the surface of a duckpond (Ceefax) (r). **9.15 Wild Flower.** Michael Jordan takes a closer look at wild roses (Ceefax) (r).
9.25 Labour Party Conference. Live coverage of the Labour Party conference in Blackpool including News and weather at **10.00.**
10.25 Children's BBC starting with **Play School** (r). **10.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with Jancis Harvey.
11.00 News and weather, followed by **Labour Party Conference.** With commentators Sir Robin Day, David Dimbleby and Vivian White. Includes News and weather at **12.00.**
12.30 Favourite Walks. The baritone Thomas Lawlor takes the air in the Yorkshire Dales (r).
12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Gail feels betrayed and angry; and Charlene discovers a get-rich-quick-scheme.
1.50 Knots Landing. Continuing drama and intrigue with the Ewings and the Mackenzies.
2.35 I've Got a Secret. Game show introduced by Tom O'Connor. On today's celebrity panel are Joe Brown, Henry Kelly, Sandra Dickinson, Nina Myskow and Barbara Windsor.
3.05 Magic of the House. Frank Delaney visits Green Knowe on the River Ouse, the house where the children's author Lucy M Boston lives (r).
3.25 Go For It! (r)
3.50 Two by Two. Jenny Powell visits the Lancashire Fells. **4.05 The Snorks.** Animated adventures in a mystical underwater world. **4.20 Beat the Teacher.** Quiz game introduced by Bruno Brookes. **4.35 Hartbeat** looks at pattern and design (Ceefax).
5.00 Newsround.
5.05 The True Story of Spit MacPhee. Episode four of the drama serial set in Australia. **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Mike Smartt. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Kingsley Amis, Auberon Waugh, Simon Mayo and David Fuhrer, who has the useful ability to talk backwards. Musical entertainment comes from Julian Cope.
7.35 Doctor Who. Part one of a new four-part adventure finds the doctor travelling back in time to London in the swinging sixties to conclude some unfinished business with his arch-enemies the Daleks (Ceefax).
8.00 Miss Marple: Nemesis. First of a two-part Agatha Christie mystery starring Joan Hickson as the sleuthing gentlewoman. With Peter Tilbury, Margaret Tyzack and Helen Cherry (Ceefax).
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Revelations (Ceefax) (see Choice).
10.30 Sportsnight features live coverage of the flyweight bout between Duke McKenzie and Rolondo Bohol.
12.10 Weather. Ends **12.15am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **The Morning Programme,** introduced by Richard Keys. **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. **After Nine** continues its Fit Kids Campaign with a report on children's vitamins.
9.25 Runway. Travel and general knowledge quiz. **9.55 Thames News and weather.**
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion on how men and women cope when their spouse has left them for someone else. With Carol Botwin, an American expert on sexuality and relationships.
10.40 This Morning takes a look at the new face of Britain's countryside and reports on how to get value for money when shopping. Includes **News** at **10.55** and **Thames News** at **11.55. 12.10 Allsorts.**
12.30 The Sullivans. The family are waiting for news of Dave.
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow. **1.20 Thames News and weather,** followed by **Crimestoppers.**
1.30 Heirlooms. John Bly and Henry Sandon examine porcelain pots.
2.00 Richmond Hill. New Australian drama series about the families of two men based at the same police station.
2.55 Home Cookery Club.
3.00 Take the High Road. Carol has some explaining to do. **3.25 Thames News and weather.**
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Irene has to tell Gordon the truth about Patricia.
4.00 The Raggy Dolls (r). **4.10 Tube Mice. 4.20 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** Cartoon adventures. **4.45 Tokavig.** Young people's magazine series.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.
5.45 ITN News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 Thames News and weather.
6.25 Help. Launch of the Co-Op Cup Awards for new businesses.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Home Farm stages the first shoot of the season.
7.00 Where There's Life . . . Miriam Stoppard reports from Singapore where the government are encouraging women to continue having children rather than concentrate on their career.
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle).
8.00 Home James! Henry takes a well-earned holiday in this episode of the comedy series starring Jim Davidson as a businessman's indispensable chauffeur.
8.30 The Joe Longthorne Show. Comedy impressions entertainment.
9.00 Taggart. The tough Glaswegian detective has to investigate the death of a loanshark rival to the Lomax brothers. With Mark McManus (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. **10.30 Thames News and weather.**
10.35 Ice Skating. Nick Owen introduces highlights from the first day of the competition at Richmond Ice Rink.
11.35 Film: NightKill (1981). Thriller starring Robert Mitchum and Jaclyn Smith. The unhappy wife of a millionaire plans what she thinks will be the perfect murder. But things start to go wrong when her lover disappears. Directed by Ted Post.
1.30 America's Top 10. Chart sounds with Casey Kasem.
2.00 News Headlines, followed by **Hammer House of Mystery & Suspense: Czech Mate.** Suspense thriller starring Susan George as a young British woman who is used to smuggle a Czech girl into the country (r).
3.30 Quiz Night. New quiz game hosted by Ross King.
4.00 News Headlines, followed by **Three's Company.** American comedy series.
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Distributed Computing. Ends **7.20am.**
9.00 Ceefax. 9.50 Daytime on Two: France Français **10.05** You and Me **10.20** Science Workshop **10.40** Around Scotland **11.00** Words and Pictures **11.15** English Time **11.35** Mathematical Investigations **1.55** Words into Action **12.15** Science in Action **12.35** Lifeschool **1.00** A Life of Our Own.
1.25 Pigeon Street (r). **1.40 Zig Zag** (r). **2.00 News** and weather, followed by **Storytime** (r).
2.15 Labour Party Conference. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00; News** and weather, followed by regional news and weather at **3.50.**
5.15 Flora Thompson Lived Here. Hugh Casson visits the writer's Oxfordshire home and talks about her account of her childhood in the 1880s (r).
5.30 Film 88. (r).
6.00 Def II begins with **Mission Impossible** (r). **6.50 Animation Now. 7.10 Open to Question.** Claire Rayner is questioned by a studio audience of teenagers.
7.45 Conference Day. Sir Robin Day interviews politicians attending the Labour Party conference.
8.10 Timewatch. Dramatized documentary about Annie Besant, leader of the matchgirls strike, social reformer and contraceptive campaigner. With Frances Barber. Andrew Sachs narrates.
9.00 Sean Connery Double Bill – Film: The Molly Maguires (1970). Drama about the 19th-century secret society who tried to improve the conditions of Pennsylvania coal miners' through terrorism, and the efforts by the police to infiltrate the group and stop their activities. Martin Ritt directs.
11.00 Newsnight. 11.45 Weather.
11.50 Film: Cuba (1979). Romantic adventure about a security advisor caught up in revolution and a love affair with a married woman. With Brooke Adams. Directed by Richard Lester.
1.50 Newsnight Special: The Vice-Presidential Debate between Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Senator Dan Quayle. Live from Nebraska. Ends **3.40am.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: The French Programme **9.52** Environments **10.09** Good Health **10.26** Mathematical Eye **10.48** Choices **11.05** Middle English **11.22** Picture Box **11.41** Designing and Making. **12.00 Sesame Street. 12.30 Business Daily.**
1.00 Interviewing. New Open College Course (Oracle).
1.30 The Customer Connection: Who Cares Wins. Open College Course (Oracle) (r).
2.00 Film: Quartet (b/w, 1948). Dirk Bogarde and George Cole are among the stars in four short stories by Somerset Maugham. Directed by Arthur Crabtree, Harold French, Ralph Smart and Ken Annakin.
4.15 Belgica Magica. Short film exploring Belgium's landscapes.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game.
5.00 Cartoon Alphabet.
5.30 Mork and Mindy. Robin Williams in the cult comedy series about an alien from outer space living in America.
6.00 Ice Skating. Highlights of the opening day's competition.
6.30 The March of Time: Reporting the Dictators. Murray Sayle examines fascism in France during the 1930s and the reasons for its failure (Oracle).
7.00 Channel 4 News and weather.
8.00 Brookside. Jonathan and Cheryl's romantic evening goes disastrously wrong; and Billy surprises everybody on his birthday (Oracle).
8.30 Dispatches reports on the National Front, 21 years old this year, and reveals a world of violence and terrorism.
9.15 Signals. (see Choice).
10.30 The 39,000 Steps. A day in the life of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with comedians Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy.
11.30 Lou Grant. Return of the LA Trib team who this week get a new reporter when Mrs Pynchon is at the scene of an out-of-control bush fire. With Ed Asner.
12.30 The Late Shift starting with **Miles Davis** at the 1985 Montreal Jazz Festival. **1.40 Wynton Marsalis** at the 1982 Montreal Jazz Festival. Ends **2.45am.**

Trooper Smith and life

TELEVISION CHOICE

Voice of the silent majority? State Trooper Larry Smith talks on Revelations about the America he sees (BBC1, 9.30pm)

● Paul Watson, who made *The Family*, crosses the Atlantic and turns his attention to a very different family in **Revelations** (BBC1, 9.30pm). His film is an attempt to take the pulse of ordinary America by homing in on three generations of the Smiths of Terra Alta, a small, rural town in West Virginia. The film was made a year ago, during the celebration of Thanksgiving, and before the presidential campaign had properly got under way. But if the Smiths and their friends are representative of the silent, moral majority, then George Bush is heading for a landslide. Larry Smith is a State Trooper (policeman) who thinks that America is on the slide and that Krushchev was right: "Russia will never have to attack our country — America will crumble from within". He puts it down to a breakdown in discipline and blames Dr Spock for advocating that kids should be able to do as they please. Surrounded by violence, political corruption, immorality and greed, the Smiths see Armageddon around the corner. The prophecies of the Book of Revelations are coming to pass. But the Smiths are not simply endorsing far-right values. They display another kind of social concern, about poverty and unemployment, which is very far from the Reagan rhetoric. Paul Watson intercuts his reportage with the slick and glamorous images of big city television, selling God, military glory and instant happiness. The suggestion is that the people of Terra Alta are being invaded by messages which have nothing to do with them but are nevertheless at the root of the malaise which the Smiths are denouncing.

● The assumptions behind **Signals** (Channel 4, 9.15pm) are, first, that the arts affect and reflect the lives of everyone and not just a small intellectual elite and, second, that television can make the arts accessible to people who might otherwise be intimidated by them. *Signals* will also seek to go beyond what its makers, Roger Graef and Andrew Holmes, call "the metropolitan agenda". Each programme will have a central theme and comprise a main film with related items. Tonight's show ranges widely over the United Kingdom and features the conductor Simon Rattle in Birmingham; the Handsworth-born poet Benjamin Zephaniah; the poetry publishers Blood Axe; the Orchard Gallery in Londonderry; and Dean Clough in Halifax and an ex carpet factory, home to 20 artists.

Peter Waymark

Dour but delightful

RADIO CHOICE

Ian Bradley: in search of the crofters (R4, 11am)

● Just what size audience Radio 4 expects for **The Crofters' Way** (11.00am), I cannot imagine, but my guess is that as the news will have got out that Ian Bradley's subject matter in his latest documentary is Scots smallholders, there is not going to be a national stampede to get to radio sets at 11.00am before somebody else can start fiddling with the dial. So this is minority radio we are talking about: minority, that is, unless the whole nation takes my advice and tunes in, which is as likely as your average Radio 1 fan being tempted into listening to the reconstruction (on Radio 3, 1.05pm) of a Renaissance masque called *The Delights of Posilipo*. Every Bradley documentary I have heard, including this latest, has taught me a lot. Some have amused me, though I would not say the light touch is his forte. Predictably, there aren't any jokes either this morning from the farming folk of the Western Isles he talks to. They live off poor soil, put up with uncharitable weather, and most of them would never be able to make ends meet if they did not have another job, too. Carola Bell, for instance, may have sheep in her garden, but there is a computer up in her bedroom. It links her to the Continent so that she can carry out her sociology work. At one blow, then, the popular picture of the crofter is smashed. And that is not the only surprise Bradley has up his sleeve in a programme which, on paper, does not promise any surprises at all. It seems that if it followed the crofter's simple way, the EEC could do itself a power of good. I will not be a spoil sport and tell you how.

● Later tonight (8.45), Radio 4 continues repeating just about the most intelligent movie series that radio has created. Christopher Frayling's **America – the Movie.** Tonight, it is the films of John Ford, Westerns mostly, that are scrutinized for the images of his vision of America they reflect.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

John Lloyd presents The 39,000 Steps (C4,10.30pm)

BBC1 **WALES: 6.35pm-7.00** Wales Today **12.10am-12.15** News of Wales headlines, Close. **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman. **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.30-12.10am** Sportscene. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **10.30-12.10am** Sportsnight from Northern Ireland. **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional News Magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **11.35** Darts **12.30am** POV **1.30** Soap **2.00** Film: Riddle of the Sands **4.00** Wildwatch **4.30-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.00** 9 to 5 **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **11.35** Kojak **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.35pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **11.35** Silent Scream **12.35am** Donahue **1.35** Wrestling **2.30** Twilight Zone **2.55** POV **3.55** Out of Limits **4.05-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Country Ways **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **11.35** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.00-3.30** Parlour Game **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **11.35** Crazy Like a Fox **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Wrestling **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00-3.00** Quincy **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **11.35** I Spy **1.00am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Basketball **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **11.35** Legwork **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Soccer **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00** Suomi **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.30** Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Country Practice **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **11.35** Some Call It Jazz **12.00** Worlds Beyond **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Basketball **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **11.35** Viewers' Choice **2.00** The Fugitive **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **11.35** I Spy **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Basketball **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **11.35** Hammer House of Horror **12.30am** Donahue **1.30** Quiz Night **2.00** Basketball **3.00** POV **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Calendar **11.35** Hunter **12.30am** Film: Big Red One **2.30** Quiz Night **3.00** WKRP in Cincinatti **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Ffalabalam **1.00** Open College **2.00** Fifteen to One **2.30** Guitarra **3.00** All Muck and Magic? **3.30** Take Six Cooks **4.00** Cartoon Alphabet **4.30** Mister Ed' **5.00** Storyteller **5.30** Cosby Show **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Y Smyrffs **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Llygad Y Ddraig **7.30** Ymryson Y Beirdd **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Ffermio **9.25** Film: Wait 'Til Your Mother Gets Home **11.15** Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar **12.30am** Late Shift

RTE 1 Starts: **2.30pm** The Planets **3.00** Live at Three 4.00 **Emmerdale Farm** 4.30 **Edward VII** 5.30 **A Country Practice** 6.00 **Angelus** 6.01 **Six-One** 7.00 **Ourselves and Other Animals 7.30** Zero **8.00** Hotel **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Sing A Song **10.40** Bookside **11.10** The Equalizer **12.05am** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **1.30pm** Bosco **2.00** Snooker **3.00** Five with Forty **3.10** Flipper **3.35** Abracadabra **4.05** Real Ghostbusters **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Return of the Antelope 5.15 **Look Around with Don Conroy** 5.25 **International Youth Knock-out** 6.00 **Nature of Things** 6.30 **Home and Away** 7.00 **Nuacht** 7.05 **Cursai** 7.30 **Coronation Street** 8.00 **Snooker** 8.30 **No Comment** 9.00 **Golden Girls** 9.30 **Campaign** 10.30 **Network News** 10.50 **Snooker** 12.00 **Closedown.**

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News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30pm** and **12.30am.**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies (from the Radio Show at Earls Court) **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Walters' Weekly (new series) with John Walters **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00am** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.35** Derek Jameson **9.30** Alan Price **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.30** Latin Quarter **9.00** Listen to the Band with Roy Newsome **10.00** Can I Take That Again? **10.15** Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band **10.30** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **11.00** Angela Rippon presents Round Midnight **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.
MW (medium wave) as VHF except: **8.00-9.30**pm European Soccer Special with David Mercer **1015-11.30** Big Fight Special. Word Flyweight Championship. Duke McKenzie v Rolando Bohol.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Development '88 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** Raffles **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Jazz Scene UK **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Prompt **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Katherine Mansfield Stories **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Smith and Son **12.25** Farming **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Development '88 **2.00** Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Mastering Photography **4.00** News **4.15** Celluloid Rock **4.45** The World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German programmes **8.00** News **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Celluloid Rock **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Write On **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** News **12.30** After Henry **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Society Today **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Latin Americans **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** News **6.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Open Forum
6.55 Weather, news headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach: Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066 (English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Tchaikovsky: Waltz from Eugene Onegin (Berlin Philharmonic under Herbert von Karajan); Borodin: Notturno, String Quartet No 2 (Borodin Quartet); Dvořák: Song to the Moon from Rusalka (Gabriela Benackova, soprano, with Czech Philharmonic under Vaclav Neumann); Shostakovich: Prelude and Fugue in C Op 87 No 1 (Emil Gilels, piano); Janácek, arr Talich: Suite from The cunning Little Vixen (Vienna Philharmonic, under Charles Mackerras)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Saint-Saëns: Violin Sonata in D minor (Pinchas Zukerman, violin, Marc Neikrug, piano); Soirée en mer (Felicity Lott, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano); Symphonic Poem Phaéton (Philharmonia under Charles Dutoit); Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor (Lynn Harrell, cello, with Cleveland Orchestra under Neville Marriner
9.35 Stravinsky and Bartók: North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, under David Shallon, with András Schiff, piano, perform Stravinsky's Symphonies of wind instruments and Bartók's Piano Concerto No 2
10.20 Russian Cello Music: Alexander Baillie, cello and Michael Dussek, piano, perform Anton Rubinstein: Sonata No 1 in D, Op 18; Glazunov: Melody Op 20 No 1; Chant du ménestrel, Op 71
11.00 Midweek Choice: Susan Sharpe presents Britten: Psalm 150 (Boys of Downside School, Purley); Ravel: String Quartet in F (Melos Quartet of Stuttgart); Frantisek Kmoch: Am Motor; Auf alte Weise; Böhmische Musik (Czech Philharmonic under Vaclav Neumann); Britten: Songs from Friday Afternoons, Op7 (Downside School choir with Viola Tunnard, piano); Beethoven: Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica (Vienna Philharmonic under Carlos Kleiber)
1.00 News
1.05 The Delights of Posilipo (New London Consort under Philip Pickett. With Catherine Bott, soprano, Catherine King, soprano, Christopher Robson, alto, and Michael George, baritone). This musical show was first mounted in 1620 to celebrate the return to health of Philip III, King of Spain. Now it is mounted at the Earls Court exhibition centre to mark 21 years of Radios 1,2,3 and 4.
2.00 Record Review, including a review by George Pratt of two versions of Messiah
3.10 Vintage Years. Sir Clifford Curzon and members of the Budapest Quartet play the Piano Quartet No 2 in A, Op 26, by Brahms
4.00 Choral Evensong direct from Coventry Cathedral.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Presented by Brian Kay
6.30 Music For Guitar: Vladimir Mikulka plays Dowland's Lachrymae Pavane, Adrien le Roy's Passamezzo, Weiss's *Tombeau sur la mort de M Compte de Logy*, and Bach's Sonata (BMV 1001)
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. Alexander Goehr talks to Michael Hall about Schoenberg and his opera, *Moses und Aron*
7.30 Moses und Aron. The first in a cycle of Schoenberg works, sung in German live from the Festival Hall, London. The London Symphony Orchestra under Sir John Pritchard, with Günter Reich (bass) as Moses, Philip Langridge (tenor) as Aron, and Penelope Walmsley-Clark (soprano) as a naked virgin.
9.45 Space Invaders. It isn't only in tabloid newspaper headlines that viruses invade from space. Biologists have just begun to understand the phenomenon, explained here by Colin Tudge.
10.30 Roger Savage presents music From India Nazir Zahiruddin and Nazir Fayazuddin sing *Dhrupad* and *Rag Bageshri*.
11.00 Composers of the Week. Mozart's Prague Disciples: Vaclav Praupner (Overture Circe); Frantisek Dusek (Sinfonia in F); Vaclav Masek (Concerto in D); Bedrich Weber (Horn Quartet No 3); Vaclav Tomasek (Ecologues, Op35; No 5 in E minor; No 6 in G); Jan Vitasek (Minuet No 3 in E flat).
12.00 News
12.05-12.10 Wolf 88. Zum Neuen Jahr. Presented by Olaf Bar, baritone, and Geoffrey Parsons, piano.

Radio 4

LW (long wave)
(s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl. **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
8.42 Leaving Home, written and read by Garrison Keillor
8.55 Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. Penelope Keith reads *The Aweful Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles* by T.S. Eliot (s)
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Morning Story. The Beautiful People of Juan Les Pins by Iain Macdonald
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; The Wednesday Feature: The Crofters' Way. Ian Bradley travels to the highlands and islands (see Choice)
11.47 Enquire Within, presented by Dilly Barlow
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard. Another programme coming live from the Radio Show at Earls Court, London.
12.25 Take the Money and Run. New series, by Laurence Payne, dramatized by Alan Downer. Private investigator Mark Savage is given a package to deliver to Wales — at three times his usual rate (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Today's features include an interview with Scotland Yard forensic scientist Anne Davies, and a look at the Housing Action Trust
3.00 News; The Turning of the Tide. Play by Nick Fisher. An isolated wind-swept house in East Anglia is the setting — what better backdrop for the perfect murder? (s)
3.47 Time for Verse. Last of five conversations between poet George MacBeth and poet Gavin Ewart (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Wilderness World of Oz. Louise Dalziel joins an expedition of British and Australian scientists investigating the last wilderness area on earth: Kimberley in Western Australia
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra, from The Dublin Theatre Festival
5.00 PM **5.50-5.55** Shipping Forecast **5.55pm** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Just a Minute. Fun and games without repetition, deviation or hesitation. In this repeated programme, the contestants are Clement Freud, Derek Nimmo, Wendy Richard, and Kenneth Williams. Nicholas Parsons referees and plays the straight man (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers. More tales from steamy Ambridge
7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite investigates companies, officialdom and bureaucracy.
7.45 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club by Ian Brown and James Hendrie, Starring Roy Kinnear and Patrick Allen in the The T Machine (5 of 6) (s)
8.15 The Seven Ages of Health. Georgina Ferry travels around Britain looking at some novel and successful health promotion schemes, concentrating this week on the over-50s
8.45 America – The Movie. Second of a seven-part movie history (see choice)
9.15 From Sea to Shining Sea. In conversation with Sally Hardcastle, Americans across the US reflect on the six men who have occupied the White House over the past 25 years. 2: Lyndon Johnson
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Max Von Sydow, starring in *The Tempest* at the Old Vic, talks to Christopher Cook
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. White Boy Running by Christopher Hope (3 of 10); **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Travellers' Tales (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00**am-**12.00** For Schools: **11.0** Singing Together (s) **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop (s) **11.40** Listening and Reading **11.50** Poetry Corner (s) **1.55-3.00**pm For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.5** WPFM **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10**am Schools Night-Time (s) A-Level English: The Metaphysical Poets

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Tribune accused of power madness

By Philip Webster, Chief *Political Correspondent*

A dispute has broken out among Labour MPs over an attempt by the Tribune Group to increase its ascendancy within the Shadow Cabinet in the autumn elections.

The soft-left group has about a hundred MPs and is by far the largest in the Parliamentary Labour Party. It is being accused of "power madness" over its attempt to win all 15 elected places.

The move would jeopardize the position of prominent centre-right members of the Shadow Cabinet, notably Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, Dr John Cunningham, the shadow environment secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary, and Mr Donald Dewar, the shadow Scottish secretary, if the group voted for its full slate.

It is not seriously expected that any of those four will be casualties, because no one expects all Tribunites to hold to the slate.

But there is anger that the group is seen to be opposing four such able and senior figures in the party.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the party Leader, is a prominent member of Tribune which in recent years has drawn up a slate of 10 to 12, allowing its members the option of using their other votes to support figures of note from other factions.

Tribune has nine Shadow Cabinet members and the centre-right five; the other member is Mr Denzil Davies, the former defence spokesman.

But, after a decision taken shortly before Parliament rose, Tribune is holding an internal ballot of its members to pick the 15 candidates for its slate.

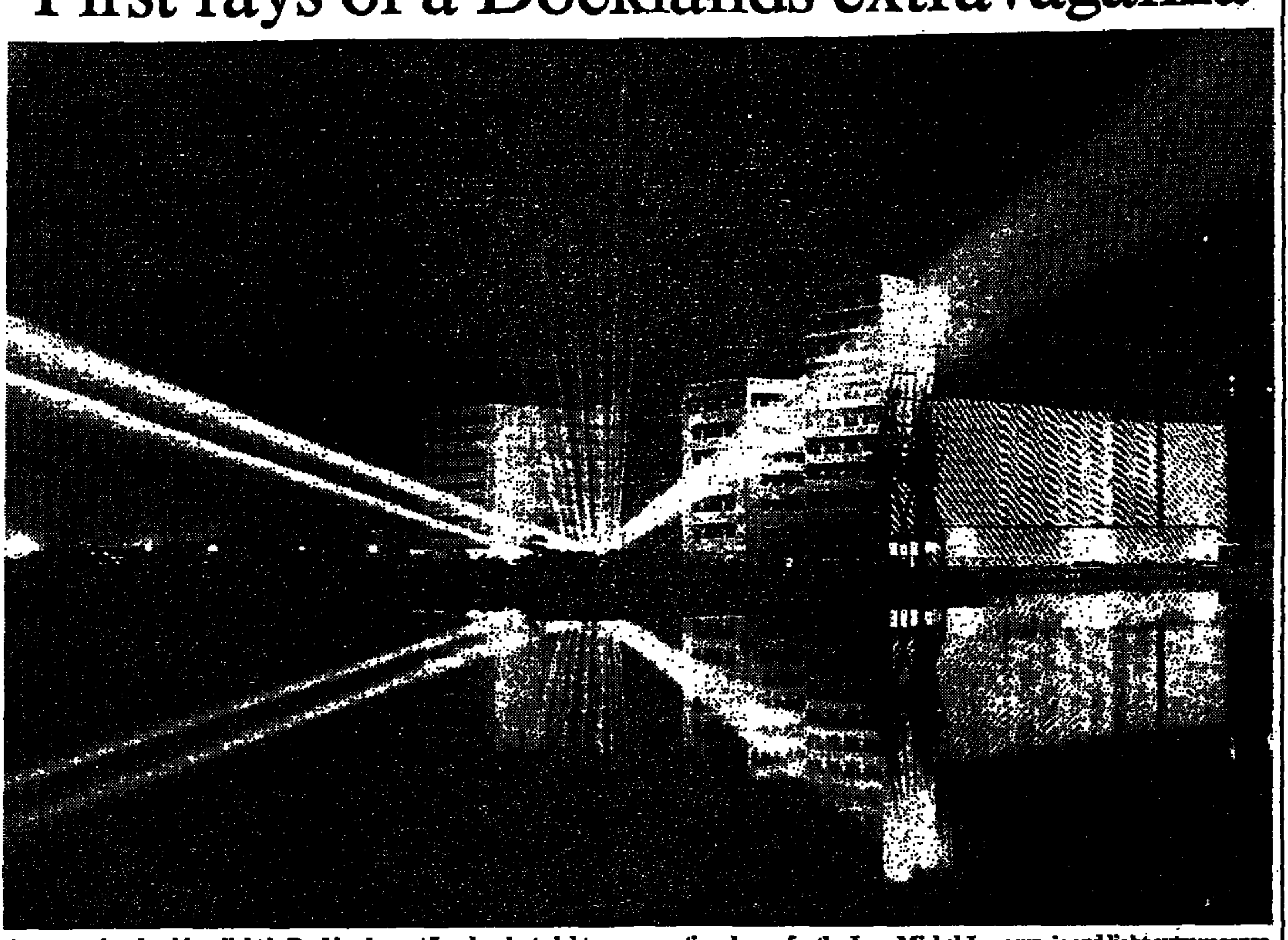
What is particularly worrying the centre-right is the knowledge that not only are Tribune leaders determined to have the existing nine members re-elected, but that the cause of a further five Tribunites is being pushed extremely hard.

They are Mr Martin O'Neill, who has taken over as defence spokesman since Mr Davies's resignation; Mr Tony Blair, the trade spokesman; Miss Harriet Harman, Miss Joan Lestor and Mr Clive Soley.

A leading member of the centre-right said yesterday that the Tribune Group was trying to "steamroller" over the parliamentary party. "They had better realize the danger of what they are doing", he said.

But Tribunites accused the centre-right of raising a scare. They predicted that some of their members would decide to back such candidates as Mr Smith, Mr Kaufman and Dr Cunningham.

First rays of a Docklands extravaganza



Lasers setting the skies alight in Docklands, east London, last night as preparations began for the Jean-Michel Jarre music and light extravaganza at Victoria Docks on Saturday and Sunday night. The French rock musician was given permission to stage the concerts last week by Newham council, which reversed its veto after the organizers gave crowd safety guarantees and agreed to stage the event on two nights to ease traffic.

Kinnock's nuclear cliffhanger

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balanced by the passage – by a bigger majority – of the more multilateralist motion, the drafting of which closely involved Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union.

The leadership's difficulty in changing what it sees as an electorally unacceptable policy was underlined last night in a speech by Mr Ron Todd, TGWU general secretary, in which he said that Labour's policy could not be "downgraded or discarded". It was, he said, part of basic socialist aims and values.

If NUPE decides against the leadership approach, it will confirm the suspicion within the national executive of a growing leftwing alliance between Mr Todd and Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, NUPE general secretary.

Labour's defence spokesman, Mr Martin O'Neill said last night that the party's defence policy would change "because the people with whom we have to deal – we hope – are changing, and when we go to Moscow early in the new year, we would want to find out what they are thinking."

Labour set on free market track

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Thatcherism is to let it win again".

He was cheered by the conference for a passage in which he castigated today's conservatism as a selfish creed involving "no number other than one, no person other than me and no time other than now".

He challenged Mrs Thatcher to back up her apparent conversion to the need to protect the environment with practical legislation, a move which appeared to be an effort to stop Mr Paddy Ashdown's democrats cornering the Green vote.

But the essence of Mr Kinnock's powerful lecture to his party on the need for sacrifice in the pursuit of power came when he declared: "I am heartily sick of meeting people in anguish and having nothing to offer them but sympathy and solidarity when we should have the power to give them help and encouragement".

In the conference earlier Mr Kinnock's new approach was given a boost when delegates easily defeated a left-wing move to commit the party to a law-breaking campaign of non-payment of the poll tax.

For the executive, Mr David Blunkett warned those wanting to break the law: "If we advocate something that we know will fail, the people won't turn on the Government, they will turn on us for misleading them into that position."

Before the debate, Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow spokesman, said: "Delegates should decisively reject calls for campaigns for action outside the law and mass non-payment which would be politically disastrous to us."

The conference backed the development of a Labour policy which would maintain rates but base them on capital values rather than rental values and accompany them with a local income tax. Business rates would continue to be set locally.

Mr John Smith, Labour's shadow Chancellor, pledged the next Labour government to the introduction of a national minimum wage, saying that cheapskate employers were spreading low pay "like a disease throughout our society".

Saying that the Government had "pay if you like" tax rules for the rich and "pay as you earn" for ordinary people, Mr Smith promised that a future Labour government would crack down on tax evasion "dodges and devices".

The conference approved a review document which outlined the aim of a tax system starting on a lower rate than 25 per cent and working up towards one greater than the present top limit of 40 per cent, though not to the penal levels which had operated under past Labour governments.

Conference sketch

The blind cannot fool the blind

There is a convention, widely respected by wearers of photo-identity badges at conferences, that one does not, on meeting someone, stare intently at their badge while exchanging pleasantries. The polite fiction is that the person, not the status, matters. You wait until attention is distracted before your eyes dive hungrily for his lapel, or her bosom.

As with much else that is merely courteous, Labour has no time for such pretences. Delegates here at Blackpool don't seem to look at your actual face at all when they speak to you. No doubt the photo on your identity pass suffices, for beneath is written what they really want to find out: what is your affiliation? Is it safe to know you?

Or so I'd noticed until I wandered into yesterday's poll tax debate and headed for an unoccupied seat. The lady in the adjacent seat looked me full in the eyes for all of 30 seconds while I spoke to her. It was enormously warming. Until I spotted her guide dog. They don't do braille photo-passes.

Nevertheless, her company proved a delight, for the speaker was Mr David Blunkett MP. Being blind, he is accorded that courtesy which our strange race reserves for the disabled. It must be infuriating to a man of Mr Blunkett's quality who would have commanded respect regardless of disability. Respect, that is, from anyone except the blind lady next to me. And she, of course, was bound by no conventions of sympathy. She and her dog loathed David Blunkett.

"It's no use refusing to pay the poll-tax", Mr Blunkett declared (rather plausibly). "We must remove the government who invented it."

"Silly bugger", snarled the lady beside me. "We've tried that. It doesn't work." Her guide dog growled.

Better finances, Mr Blunkett argued, were needed, so blind people could use public libraries. "Stupid sod", snapped my new companion. "I already do use them. Most libraries have braille. Why doesn't he go and visit his own? Hasn't he *got* a dog? Hasn't he *got* a stick?" On waxed Mr Blunkett – eloquently, I thought – and without recourse (he joked) to Paddy Ashdown's autocue.

"He's *reading*", hissed the blind lady. "I can tell he is. You just look. I bet you'll see his fingers moving."

She was right, but I like Mr Blunkett and wanted to hear his speech so I made as to move to a quieter seat. Her guide dog curled its lip. I stayed where I was.

The speech – and debate – ended in victory for Mr Blunkett's view that the Party should not involve itself in any illegal campaign of non-payment of poll tax. What was refreshing about both Mr Dennis Canavan's spirited advocacy, and Mr Blunkett's cooler rejection of the idea, was that neither beat about the bush. Mr Canavan knew that his appeal was not to the constitutionalist doves and wasted no time in mithering about his love for the law. Mr Blunkett knew that by the conclusion of his speech he would have lost the militants in the hall and did not bother, therefore, to serenade them at the outset.

Yet a whole cadre of politicians fail to see that, when an issue has polarized opinion, there is no point in trying to ingratiate yourself with your opponents. Your audience – not to say my friend's dog – have sniffed you out before you can utter.

Mr John Smith, the owlish Treasury spokesman who led the next debate, is to the right of the fence, and everyone knows it. His efforts to please the other side were thus futile. Like some hapless liberal Tory Home Secretary bellowing his hatred for criminals before whispering his opposition to hanging, Mr Smith called down a hundred curses upon Mrs Thatcher's head, and reminded conference of all the very socialist things a Labour government would do to redistribute income. But to what purpose?

Then came Mr Kinnock. Unlike Mr Smith, Mr Kinnock has realized that the battle to win over the left now has to be abandoned; and he is set upon an infinitely more challenging strategy: the battle to win over himself. He addressed so powerfully the tricky argument that to get anywhere you must set your heart upon things in which you do not believe that by the end of the speech I fancy he was almost convinced.

Matthew Parris

Syrians pledge to press for freedom of Beirut hostages

Continued from page 1

Reagan Administration was obviously expecting to see any of the nine Americans who are still in the hands of Muslim extremists.

But Mr Edward Djerejian, the US Ambassador to Syria, made no distinction when he greeted the professor at the office of Mr Nasser Quaddour, the Syrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. "For too long the hostages – these innocent persons – have been pawns in an inhuman and cruel game of terrorism," he said as he thanked Syria for its "important role" in the release.

Although Professor Singh is an Indian national, he holds permanent resident status in the US. His captors have always considered him an American citizen, but it now appears clear that, at the same time, they regarded him as a hostage of lesser political value than his American colleagues, Professors Alann Steen, Robert Polhill and Jesse Turner.

The kidnappers, from the group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, have described Professor Singh's release as a gesture of good will, apparently aimed at encouraging further US recognition of Palestinian rights in the Israeli occupied territories.

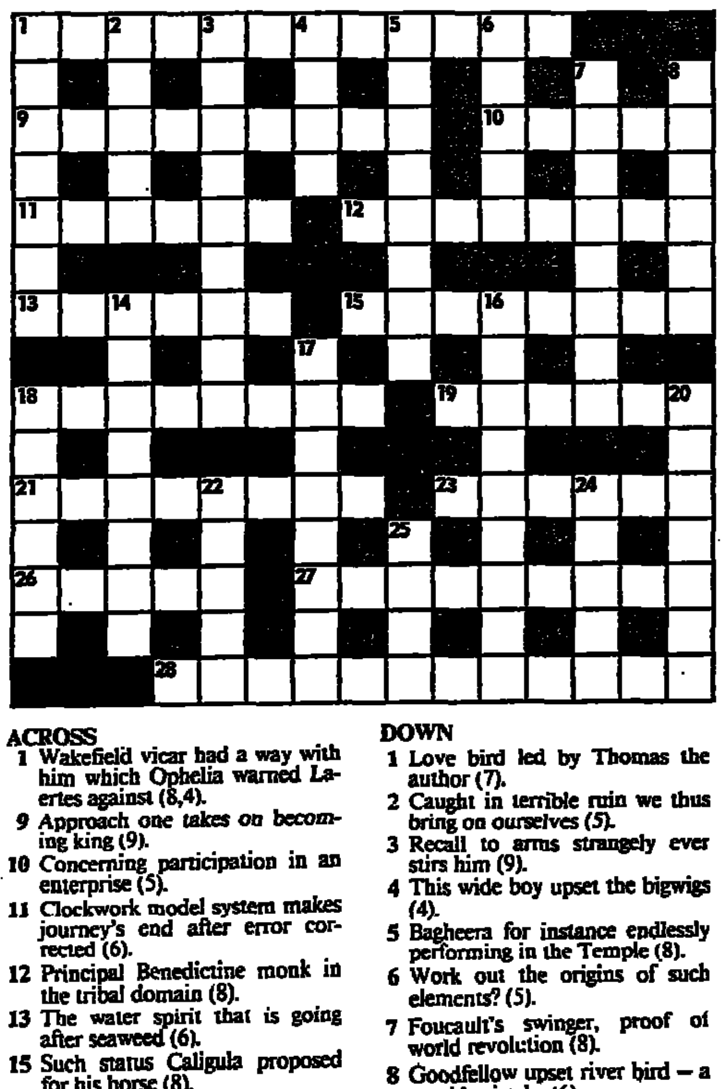
It is impossible to know if the other three hostages can expect to be freed in exchange for new American expressions favourable to the Palestinians or if their captors will instead insist on their original demand for freedom for hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

It is conceivable that Syria may eventually succeed in securing the release of Professor Singh's colleagues since it apparently wields influence over their kidnappers. But there is a considerable degree of scepticism regarding its power to extract the other hostages from the hands of the more militant, pro-Iranian extremists of the Islamic Jihad group, which is believed to be also holding Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy.

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Paul Bremer, the US Ambassador at Large for Counter-Terrorism, said yesterday that the US had no indication that the release of other hostages in Lebanon was imminent.

Assad boost, page 8

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,792



ACROSS

1 Wakefield vicar had a way with him which Ophelia warned Laertes against (8,4).
9 Approach one takes on becoming king (9).
10 Concerning participation in an enterprise (5).
11 Clockwork model system makes journey's end after error corrected (6).
12 Principal Benedictine monk in the tribal domain (8).
13 The water spirit that is going after seaweed (6).
15 Such status Caligula proposed for his horse (8).
18 The little matter of a small boy's slogan when standing for Parliament (8).
19 Are some Swiss bankers so sententious? (6).
21 Vegetable – cook or boil with heads of cauliflowers and carrots (8).
23 Ancient firearm (6).
26 To wit, the spirit of football players en masse (5).
27 Immature Othello retires here off-stage (5-4).
28 High spot where move appears out of tune perhaps with the others (5,7).

DOWN

1 Love bird led by Thomas the author (7).
2 Caught in terrible ruin we thus bring on ourselves (5).
3 Recall to arms strangely ever stirs him (9).
4 This wide boy upset the bigwigs (4).
5 Bagheera for instance endlessly performing in the Temple (8).
6 Work out the origins of such elements? (5).
7 Foucault's swinger, proof of world revolution (8).
8 Goodfellow upset river bird – a stupid mistake (6).
14 Means to check drift of directors led by the general (3-5).
16 Awareness of one in so many words (9).
17 Have to go on, battered by hail storm – that's rough (8).
18 Manager supports printers' measure to do relief work (6).
20 State University came across what Gitche Manito smoked (7).
22 Short sketch that amounted to nothing (5).
24 Metaphor Ham dispenses with possibly (5).
25 Charitable function has the sound of doom (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 19 of the 24 competitors in the 1988 National Final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship. It was solved in 3½ minutes by a member of the audience.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MINNESINGER
a. A miniature sewing-machine
b. A medieval German poet
c. A Viennese choirboy

PIACULAR
a. Prophetic or vatic
b. Sanctimonious
c. Making restitution

POINTY-HEADED
a. Highbrow
b. Idiotic or philistine
c. A type of screw

EFFED
a. A taboo expletive
b. Speakable, not ineffable
c. An executive editor

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,512

J	A	C	K	D	A	W		C	A	P	I	T	A	L
U		Y		I		O		A		L		I		E
S	A	L	O	N		M	A	N	H	A	T	T	A	N
T		I		E		A		O		Y		A		I
I	G	N	O	R	A	N	C	E		H	I	N	G	E
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N	U	D	I	S	T	S		T	H	O	U	G	H	T

WEATHER

Much of England and Wales, Northern Ireland and western Scotland will have sunshine and showers. Some showers will be heavy possibly with hail and thunder. Quite windy in southern England and south Wales with gales in exposed parts of the south-west. Eastern Scotland and north-east England will be cloudy with rain. Rather cold everywhere. Outlook: Continuing unsettled and cold.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Luxor	33	91	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alex'dria	26	79	c	Majorca	26	79	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Malta	25	77	s
Athens	24	75	s	Mexico C*	15	59	c
Bahrain	34	93	s	Miami*	31	88	s
Barbads*	29	84	f	Milan	18	64	c
Barcelna	23	73	c	Montreal*	11	52	f
Belgrade	19	66	c	Moscow	11	52	c
Berlin	17	63	s	Munich	14	57	c
Bermuda*	30	86	s	Naples	24	75	c
Biarritz	19	66	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
Borde'x	24	75	s	N York*	18	64	c
Brussels	19	66	s	Nice	22	72	f
Budapst	18	64	s	Oslo	13	55	c
B Aires*	18	64	c	Paris	15	59	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Peking	13	55	r
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Perth	16	61	f
C'blanca	23	73	f	Prague	16	61	s
Chicago*	16	61	f	Reykjvik	5	41	s
Ch'church	17	63	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	15	59	c	Rio de J	25	77	s
C'phagn	14	57	s	Riyadh	36	97	s
Corfu	19	66	r	Rome	25	77	f
Dublin	13	55	r	Salzburg	15	59	c
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	S F'risco*	16	61	c
Faro	23	73	c	Santiago*	23	73	s
Florence	24	75	s	S Paulo*	31	88	s
Frankfurt	14	57	c	Seoul	25	77	s
Funchal	24	75	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Geneva	14	57	c	Sydney	35	95	s
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tel aviv	28	82	s
Hong K	28	82	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Innsbrck	15	59	c	Tokyo	22	72	f
Istanbul	20	68	f	Toronto*	10	50	r
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	28	82	s
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Valencia	25	77	s
L Palmas	25	77	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Le Tquet	17	63	f	Venice	17	63	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Vienna	17	63	s
Locarno	14	57	r	Warsaw	17	63	s
L Angels*	19	66	f	Wash'ton*	17	63	r
Luxembg	14	57	f	Wel'nton	13	55	f
				Zurich	13	55	r

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	-	-	13	55	dull
Hunstanton	0.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.9	-	16	61	cloudy
Southend	-	-	16	61	dull
Folkestone	2.7	-	16	61	bright
Brighton	0.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Southsea	0.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Sandown	0.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Bournemth	0.7	-	16	61	rain
Swanage	0.6	-	16	61	rain
Exmouth	0.1	.13	14	57	rain
Torquay	0.8	.13	15	59	shower
Penzance	2.7	.30	16	61	rain
Scilly Isles	3.2	.13	16	61	shower
Jersey	0.8	-	16	61	rain
Guernsey	0.2	-	15	59	dull
Newquay	1.4	.14	16	61	rain
Minehead	-	.06	14	57	rain
B'pool Airpt	-	.01	13	55	rain
Douglas	-	.32	12	54	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	-	15	59	dull
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	.05	15	59	rain
Buxton	-	.11	12	54	rain
Carlisle	-	.15	13	55	cloudy
Leeds	-	.05	13	55	rain
London	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	-	.01	14	57	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	.01	13	55	rain
Nottingham	0.1	-	15	59	rain
Anglesey	-	.09	13	55	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.14	13	55	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.02	14	57	cloudy
Tenby	1.0	.24	15	59	rain
Aberdeen	-	.09	12	54	rain
Edinburgh	-	-	12	54	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.13	11	52	rain
Glasgow	-	.22	12	54	rain
Kinloss	-	.05	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.01	11	52	rain
Prestwick	-	.11	12	54	rain
Stornoway	0.1	.27	11	52	rain
Tiree	0.1	.54	12	54	rain
Wick	-	.24	12	54	rain
Belfast	0.4	.44	14	57	rain

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.51	5.4	10.57	5.7
Aberdeen	10.55	3.3	10.56	3.4
Avonmouth	3.23	8.8	4.05	9.3
Belfast	8.17	2.8	8.19	3.1
Cardiff	3.08	8.4	3.50	8.8
Devonport	2.07	4.1	2.32	4.3
Dover	7.57	5.1	8.59	5.1
Falmouth	1.37	3.9	2.02	4.1
Glasgow	10.08	3.7	9.12	3.9
Harwich	8.14	3.0	9.18	3.3
Holyhead	7.55	4.3	8.12	4.6
Hull	2.33	5.5	3.57	5.3
Ilfracombe	2.40	6.4	3.22	6.9
Leith	11.56	4.4	—	—
Liverpool	8.20	7.0	8.48	7.5
Lowestoft	5.47	2.1	7.29	2.1
Margate	8.21	3.8	9.36	3.9
Milford Haven	3.05	4.9	3.43	5.3
Newquay	2.04	5.0	2.41	5.4
Oban	3.33	2.8	4.18	3.2
Penzance	1.23	4.1	1.46	4.3
Portland	4.25	1.3	3.50	1.5
Portsmouth	8.39	3.7	8.58	3.6
Shoreham	7.59	4.7	8.35	4.5
Southampton	8.29	3.6	8.45	3.5
Swansea	2.49	6.7	3.32	7.1
Tees	12.09	4.2	1.17	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	8.19	3.2	9.13	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

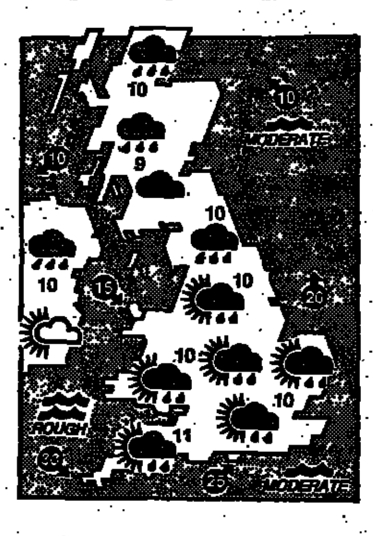
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.245	2.125
Austria Sch	23.05	21.65
Belgium Fr	69.40	65.90
Canada $	2.135	2.025
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.95
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.38
France Fr	11.13	10.53
Germany Dm	3.265	3.085
Greece Dr	264.00	249.00
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.219	1.159
Italy Lira	2445.00	2315.00
Japan Yen	241.00	225.00
Netherlands Gld	3.695	3.495
Norway Kr	12.10	11.50
Portugal Esc	270.00	256.00
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.15
Spain Pts	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.68
Switzerland Fr	2.78	2.62
USA $	1.775	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	5700.00	4900.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 107.9 (August)

London: The *FT* index closed up 1.8 at 1457.8.

AM



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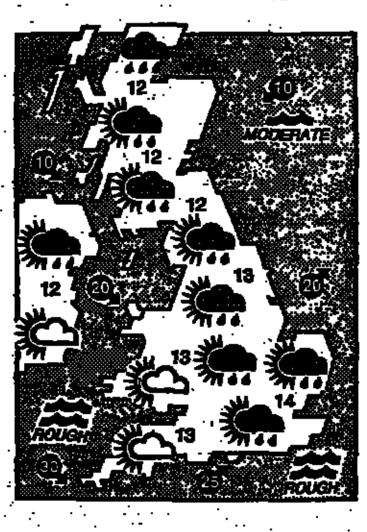


LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1006.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 10.25am and 11.10am.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey (Channel Isles), 19C (66C); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Carrigans (Co Tyrone), 0.51in; highest sunshine: Bridlington (Yorks) and Newcastle, 7.4hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.59 pm to 6.40 am
Bristol 7.09 pm to 6.49 am
Edinburgh 7.07 pm to 6.56 am
Manchester 7.06 pm to 6.50 am
Penzance 7.22 pm to 7.00 am

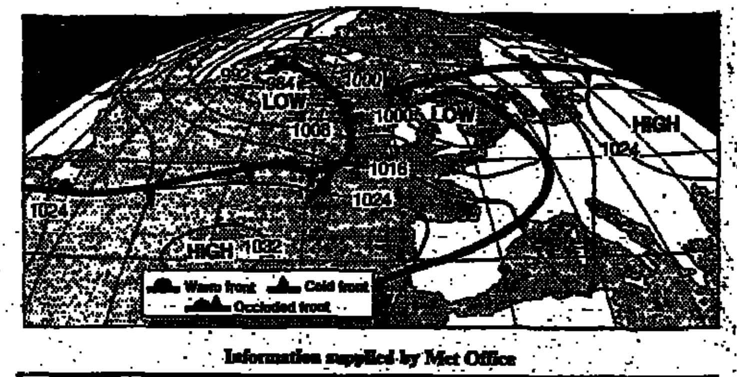
Sun rises: 7.08 am. Sun sets: 6.29 pm
Moon rises 12.52 am Moon sets 4.57 pm
New Moon October 10

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	r	Guernsey	14	57	f
B'rmghm	15	59	c	Inverness	10	50	c
Blackpool	12	54	c	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	14	57	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	14	57	f	M'nchstr	13	55	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'nldsway	12	54	r

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5 1988

MARKETS	
FT 30 Share	1457.6 (+1.8)
FT-SE 100	1807.3 (+4.7)
USM (Datastream)	159.56 (-0.09)

THE POUND	
US dollar	1.6960 (-0.0030)
W German mark	3.1537 (-0.0081)
Trade-weighted	75.8 (-0.1)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Reserves fall in September

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by an underlying $143 million last month as the Bank of England intervened modestly in support of sterling and against the dollar.

The reserves stood at $50.48 billion (£29.94 billion) at the end of September, compared with the record $50.64 billion (£30.12 billion) at the end of August. The actual fall of $157 million converted into an underlying drop of $143 million after allowing for repayments under the exchange cover scheme.

The Bank supported sterling early in September and joined in with concerted central bank intervention against the dollar following the Group of Seven meeting in Berlin

Stake switch

The Rembrandt Group has switched its controlling holding in Rothmans International from the South African Rupert Foundation to its European arm, Compagnie Financiere Richemont. Rothmans was only told on September 30 about the switch, which took place 10 days before. The two-part sale and purchase announcement threw the stock market into temporary confusion.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2108.11 (+2.85)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27501.02 (-44.51)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2415.76 (-13.31)
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1524.3 (-17.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1559.4 (+0.2)
Brussels:	
General	5256.2 (-13.6)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	937.08 (+1.99)
FT.— "500"	1020.58 (+2.15)
FT. Gold Mines	172.6 (+1.5)
FT. Fixed interest	96.69 (-0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	88.04 (+0.08)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Invergordon Distl	341½p (+30p)
Schroders	925p (+25p)
Barratt Devlpmnts	158p (+9p)
Blue Circle	452p (+11p)
Christies Int	580p (+22p)
Parrish	185p (+10p)
Jones Stroud	260p (+10p)
Body Shop	600p (+12p)
Ash & Lacey	720p (+15p)
Burmah	550p (+22p)
Really Useful	497p (+10½p)
MY Holdings	100½p (+25p)
Turnbull Scott	213p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Pleasurama	216½p (-14p)
Gresham House	400p (-35p)
GR	700p (-15p)
Grand Met	453½p (-32p)
Copson	166½p (-10p)
Domino	227p (-63p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	715p (-10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	21759

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 12-11⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.24-7.22%*
30-year bonds 101¾-101²¹⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6960	£: $1.6950*
£: DM3.1537	$: DM1.8612*
£: SwFr2.6771	$: SwFr1.5797*
£: FFr10.7408	$: FFr6.3370*
£: Yen225.90	$: Yen133.22*
£: Index75.8	$: Index98.6
ECU £0.656914	SDR £0.764734

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $397.35 pm-$398.50
close $397.00-397.50 (£234.25-234.75)
New York:
Comex $398.50-399.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov.) pm $11.65bbl ($11.76)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Grand Metropolitan (01027) dropped 34p on its bid and rights issue; Mecca (01427) lost 4p *after increasing its offer* for Pleasurama, down 13p; Virgin (02608) were 6p lower on news of buy-out plans; oils doing worse included BP (01210), down 5p, and Ultramar (01090), down 7p.
- Recent additions include Acorn Investment Trust 03461; Collonade Development Capital 03462; Cupid 03453.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

☆☆☆☆☆☆

Offer for Pillsbury group designed to shut out competitors

GrandMet launches £3bn US bid

By Carol Fergnson

Grand Metropolitan has launched a $5.23 billion (£3.1 billion) bid for Pillsbury, one of the biggest US food and restaurant groups and a company best known in Britain for its Burger King hamburger outlets and Green Giant brand of canned food.

In the second biggest takeover offer outside the oil industry by a British group for a US company — the biggest was the recent takeover of Farmers by BAT — GrandMet is offering Pillsbury shareholders $60 a share for their holdings.

The offer price, which is 53 per cent higher than Monday's closing price and 27 per cent more than Pillsbury's highest-ever share price, has been finely pitched to shut out the possibility of a competing bidder being able to come in with a significantly higher offer.

Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's chairman and *chief* executive, said that he had gone in at a high price to focus the Pillsbury management's mind on shareholder value. "*All points in our tender offer* are open for discussion with the Pillsbury management, and that includes the price," he said. "But we haven't insulted them by going in at a ridiculously low price".

US analysts agree that Grand Metropolitan's offer of $60 a share in cash, $21 above Monday's New York close, is very much on the high side. They believe that Grand Metropolitan is making a pre-emptive strike to prevent Pillsbury restructuring.

"A $60 cash offer would be *difficult to turn down unless* they had a competing higher offer," said Miss Rachael Scherer, an analyst at Dain Bosworth Inc in Minneapolis.

The bid will be funded initially by debt and the proceeds of a one-for-seven rights issue to raise *£479* million ($810 million). The rights issue will *be of loan stock, automatically* convertible into new ordinary shares, and will be payable in two equal stages on October 28, 1988, and June 2, 1989.

The second tranche is only payable if the bid succeeds. Borrowings will be reduced in due course by the net proceeds from the sale of the Inter-Continental Hotels group, amounting to more than $2 *billion* after tax.

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For its latest year to September 30, 1988, GrandMet has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £565 million (up 23 per cent), and earnings per share of not less than 46p (up 18 per cent). Total dividends per share are forecast at 25 per cent to 15p net (up 25 per cent).

Mr Sheppard described the bid as "*a major strategic move* by Grand Metropolitan to extend its international food and retailing interests". Pillsbury's total sales amount *to $6.2 billion, of which* food, with a turnover of $3.4 billion, accounts for 56 per cent. Pillsbury owns several leading brands in the US in chilled dough (a major convenience food in the US), frozen pizza, canned and frozen vegetables and luxury ice-cream. In retailing, its biggest brand is Burger King, the second biggest fast-food chain after McDonald's, with turnover of $1.2 billion through 5,500 outlets, including 500 outside the US. Some 85 per cent of the outlets are franchised, and *around 18 are in the UK.*

GrandMet plans to dispose of businesses with a turnover of $1.6 billion, including Pillsbury's full-service restaurants. Pillsbury has come under fire in the American press for sinking sales and profits despite heavy restructuring costs. It has been criticized for *launching* too many under-supported new products, a general lack of focus, and a rash of executive departures. Burger King has been described as having "an unenviable record of marketing mistakes".

Mr Sheppard admitted that there had been a question mark over Burger King. "But we now see it as a very exciting opportunity, and I am confident the business is sound, with profit potential," he said.

Mr Clive Strowger, GrandMet's group finance director, said that one of the problems had been unstable management — there have been eight presidents in the past 10 years. "We will bring committed retailers to the business, separate out Burger King and add it to the retailing group," he said.

Mr Neil Scorse, breweries analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said it was a good strategic move for GrandMet, but that it would need time to assess, because of Pillsbury's size and because it is *in* a turnround situation.

"GrandMet can't say too much. They would like an agreed bid, so they are not going too far to emphasize the warts on Pillsbury's skin," he said.

GrandMet was confident that the bid would not fall foul of poison pill provisions in Pillsbury's articles of association, intended to make it bid-proof. The company said legal action had already commenced.

"But once they are bid a fair *price, the board is duty bound* to recommend the offer to its shareholders," said Mr Peter Cawdron, GrandMet's strategy director.

Bidding for a kingdom: GrandMet's Allen Sheppard in an appropriate London taxi yesterday

A Green Giant with a problem

By Geoffrey Foster

Pillsbury is one of the largest food and retail businesses in the US with net sales of $6.19 billion (£4.11 billion) and operating profits of $2.14 billion in the year ended May 31, 1988.

Over the years the Minneapolis company has developed some of the nation's best known and most respected consumer brands. These in*clude the broad range of dry* grocery and refrigerated fresh dough products sold primarily under the Pillsbury label, the Green Giant, and Van de *Kamp's ranges of canned and* frozen vegetables.

However, almost any American citizen or tourist will tell you that Pillsbury is *best known for its* "big whopper", a substantial hamburger sold in the group's Burger King chain of fast-food restaurants, devoured in vast quantities.

Pillsbury's Burger King fast-food chain is the world's second largest hamburger chain and has a growing presence in 30 foreign countries including Britain. Sales, *which include* those of franchised as well as company operated stores, rose 7 per cent to $5.40 billion last year.

In May Burger King opened *its 5,000th US restaurant and* at the year-end had 5,578 outlets — 5,020 in the US and 558 abroad.

Pillsbury has suffered badly *this year, incurring big write*-offs particularly in its restaurants. Earnings were penalized by net one-time charges of $140.9 million to *dispose* of the *Godfather's* Pizza chain and new restaurant concepts, after the beleaguered management accepted cash offers it simply *could not refuse.*

Grand Metroplitan has certainly timed its move to perfection, just when Pillsbury looks to be digging itself out of a hole. Analysts believe sales for fiscal 1988-89 should increase modestly, largely on higher volume for consumer food and new restaurant openings.

Improved volumes in the the important frozen pizza division should help lift profits, along with higher prices in basic prepared dough and vegetable lines.

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First news: The New York Times advertisement

How Pillsbury heard about the offer

From A Correspondent
New York

The Pillsbury Company first heard of Grand Metropolitan's offer late on Monday when the *New York Times* called, seeking the company's reaction to the British giant's advertisement in the newspaper.

By early yesterday, Pillsbury had still not been formally informed of the offer. Mr John Thompson, vice-president for public relations, had *no* comment on the offer.

Based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pillsbury was originally a flour milling company, and flour and baking goods remain the core of its business.

The Pillsbury label on dough, cake mixes and icing is known in America and Britain for the Pillsbury Doughboy, its advertising symbol.

Its recent troubles, however, *have been largely in the* restaurant sector, where it owns Burger King Corporation, the fast food chain and S&A Corporation, which runs *the steak* and *ale* chain.

Burger King's sales have been soft, and, with the chain facing fierce competition from McDonald's, Pillsbury has set about restructuring. Last month, it sold *its Godfather's* Pizza chain for $100 million (£58.8 million) to an investment group.

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"A $60 cash offer would be difficult to turn down unless they had a competing higher offer," said Miss Rachael Scherer, an analyst at Dain Bosworth, of Minneapolis. "*This really exceeds the* top end of the range that we have looked at."

She estimated the total break-up value of the company is $4.3 billion-$4.6 billion, with 86 million shares *outstanding, putting the value* at $50 to $54 a share.

About 45 per cent of Pillsbury's shares are held by institutions. Five per cent is held by insiders and the rest are on the retail market.

Branson to buy Virgin at 140p

By Michael Tate

Mr Richard Branson is buying his Virgin Group back from the public. And he is offering his 40,000 small shareholders 140p a share — the same price he sold them for in November 1986.

The offer values Virgin, which encompasses music interests, television and publicity activities, *shops* and property — but not the Virgin airline or holiday operations — at £248 million, and represents the biggest management buyout of a public company seen in Britain so far.

The move was *mooted* in July, when Virgin shares were languishing at 90p each. They had moved steadily lower since soon after the flotation, and following the stock market crash last year, the board *felt* that the shares "will continue for some time to fail to reflect management's view of its long-term potential."

The price is higher than investors might have expected. But Mr Branson was determined that none of his loyal friends, employees and small investors should lose money on their investment.

Mr Branson had become increasingly disenchanted with the City, which had become *critical* of the group's investment strategy.

Virgin preferred to sacrifice short-term profitability for the sake of financing ventures around the world.

The buyout will be accomplished through a new company formed by Mr Branson and his associates, called *Glowtrack.*

"We can now concentrate on running the business, with no distractions," said Mr Branson.

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Mecca raises bid for Pleasurama

By Cliff Feltham

Mecca Leisure yesterday raised its offer for Pleasurama, the casino and entertainments group, by nearly *£100* million to £745 million. But the bid, which is final, fell short of the knockout blow expected.

In the stock market Pleasurama shares fell *14*p to 217p — 28p below the value of the *new* offer — as dealers anticipated defeat for Mecca.

Mr Barry Hardy, the director of Pleasurama spearheading the defence, condemned the increased offer as "derisory". He said: "The market seems to have made up its mind that the offer will fail." Mecca shares eased 4p to *167p.*

Mr Michael Guthrie, the *chairman* of Mecca, has bowed to City pressure and introduced a partial cash alternative worth 100p in the new offer which values Pleasurama shares at 245p, an increase of 17 per cent over the opening shot.

Last night the Mecca camp shrugged off the stock *market* reaction to the offer, claiming it had flushed out short-term speculators.

Mecca is offering seven new *ordinary* shares and *10* convertible preference shares together with 315p in cash for every 10 shares in Pleasurama. The offer values *Pleasurama on a prospective* p/e multiple of 16.4 and an historic multiple of 18.9.

Mecca directors propose a final dividend of 2.75p a share making a total for the year of 4.5p, up 23 per cent. The chairman of Pleasurama, Mr Nat Solomon, said the cash element in the takeover package was insufficient.

Document spells out chapter and verse of dealings in ConsGold

Minorco comes out in fighting mood

By Colin Campbell

Sir *Michael* Edwardes "rebutted absolutely" suggestions that Minorco *spread* knowledge of its intentions, or instigated the purchase of share options in Consolidated Gold Fields, ahead of Minorco's September 21 announcement of its £2.9 billion bid for ConsGold.

Sir Michael added: "Indeed, *this* would have put the price up against *ourselves.*" He also reiterated that Minorco's offer is serious. "Our offer is generous".

The bid values each ConsGold share at £13, of which 950p is in cash. The exit p/e ratio is an adjusted 18.5 times. *The* first closing date is October 25. *ConsGold shares* yesterday closed at £12.85.

Mr Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold's chairman, last night said: "Minorco are just trying to get their hands on our assets to compensate for the failure of their own policies. Minorco's business policy remains bankrupt."

Minorco's document details dealings between for the 53 weeks ended September *30, 1988, in ConsGold shares and* options by all parties deemed to be associated with Minorco — Morgan Grenfell Securities, James Capel and Southern Life. The declaration shows Minorco bought a parcel of 100,000 ordinary ConsGold shares on April 22 at 880p, and *£10* million of convertible bonds on October 22, 1987.

Charter Consolidated is shown as a holder of 4 per cent of Minorco. The Oppenheimer family interests are shown as a 7 per cent holder of Minorco.

Sir Michael told *The Times* if anybody had insider knowledge they were taking "one hell of a risk". The decision "to go" was only taken *the* day *before the* September 21 announcement.

"*If anybody thought we would go that* day, then they had to have the most inside of information — because the *actual bid price was left* to a select boardroom committee of five."

Minorco has arranged loan facilities of up to £1.4 billion from a consortium of banks led by Swiss Bank Corporation and including the Bank of Nova Scotia, Chemical Bank and Dresdner Bank. No British banks are involved.

If the bid succeeded, the combined group would have a net worth of $5 billion (£2.9 billion) and be one of the *world's premier natural resource groups.* The 38 per cent stake in South Africa will be sold, and Minorco will negotiate with management to reduce ConsGold's 49.3 per cent stake in Newmont.

Much has been made of the South African factor, but Sir Michael said: "We have no South African assets now and we will have none when we have divested of GFSA".

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Prestwich attributable profit falls to £2.52m

Prestwich Holdings, the entertainment and leisure group, yesterday announced a 6.9 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £5.58 million on turnover up by about 100 per cent to £84.8 million for the year ended June 30. Attributable profits fell *from £5.38 million to £2.52 million.*

The fall in attributable profits came partly as a result of two extraordinary items: the sale of Bush Radio, the consumer electronics distributor, *at a loss of £930,000, and the disposal* of the company's racking and mail order businesses for £839,000. Last year's exceptional and extraordinary credits, worth *£1.08 million* and *£1.65 million* respectively, *also help* account for the difference in results. Earnings per share after extraordinary and exceptional items were down to 9.3p from 10.8p. The final dividend is 0.75p per share, *making a total of* 1.25p, up from 1p last year.

£2.5m betting shops deal

Stanley Leisure Organisation, the Liverpool-based casinos and betting shops group, is paying £2.5 million for the Bill Taylor chain of 23 betting shops around Merseyside, of which £1.75 million is cash and the rest in shares. A further payment equal to Taylor's net current assets will be made on completion. Taylor made pre-tax profits of £145,000 in the year to end-June.

Blagden to build plant

Blagden Industries, the St Albans steel drum, plastics moulding and chemicals group, has agreed in principle to manufacture and supply resins for Caberboard, the particle board and fibre board maker, at Cowie, central Scotland. Blagden will build a £6m chemical plant on Caberboard's site to meet the extra resin requirement. Caberboard is part of the Glunz group.

Quadrant hits heights

***Quadrant Group, the former Sangers Photographics,* has unveiled record half-year figures showing a 74 per cent increase in profits before tax to £1.7 million. The increase was *achieved on the back of a 49 per cent rise in turnover to £24.5* million. Earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 7.52p and the interim dividend has been increased by a quarter to 1.25p.**

***The company's* expansion into cellular communications appears to be going well. It has built its subscriber base up from 450 last November to 8,000**

Bradford acquisitions

Bradford Property Trust yesterday announced the acquisition of two residential freehold property companies, called BGU and GP, in a share deal worth about £5.06 million. The net assets of BGU and GP are valued at £3.66 million and £1.71 million respectively. For the year to March 31, 1988, the companies achieved pre-tax profits of £87,000 and £18,000.

Progress on trade reforms

Trade ministers have made progress on certain reforms in world trade, and a deal on tropical goods, including coffee, cocoa and tea, can be reached later this year under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Mr Mahbubul Haq, the Pakistani trade minister said at the end of three-day talks in Islamabad. Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, represented Britain at the talks.

Ward up to £3.06m

The Ward Group, a Yorkshire manufacturer of steel structures and engineering products for the construction *industry, reported a 55 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to* £3.06 million on turnover up nearly 82 per cent to £63.18 million for the six months to June 30. Earnings per share rose *to 9.0p, from 5.8p; the interim dividend was raised to 1.8p,* from 1.5p.

The results include the contribution by Chamebel, a *Belgium curtain walling manufacturer,* which was acquired at the start of the year for £1.03 million.

COMPANY BRIEFS

HARDING GROUP (*Int*) *Pre-tax:* £0.57 (£0.48)m *EPS:* 3.21p (2.78)p *Div:* 1.1p	*Turnover £10.66m (£7.35)m.* Directors are confident that the group's full-year results will prove to be satisfactory.
SOUND DIFFUSION (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.39 (£0.27)m *EPS:* 0.17p (0.19)p *Div:* 0.1 (nil)p	Turnover £19.01 (£19.24)m. A busy final quarter is expected. Board plans to broaden business and redress seasonal peaks.
J BILLAM (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.03m *EPS:* 1.50 (2.35p loss) *Div:* 1.64 (1.60)p	Turnover £2.19 (£1.24)m. 1987 pre-tax loss £0.04m. The company continues to improve and expand.
BANNER HOMES (Int) *Pre-tax:* £1.34 (£0.45)m *EPS:* 7.0 (2.9)p *Div:* 1.1 (nil)p	Turnover £3.16 (£1.97)m. Planning permission is granted to build 6,500 sq ft of offices with completion expected 1989.
GUIDEHOUSE GROUP (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.75 (£0.52)m *EPS:* 2.3 (1..8)p *Div:* 0.4 (nil)p	Turnover £4.61 (£2.93)m. The directors consider that overall results for the year should continue to be satisfactory.
MURRAY VENTURES (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £1.82 (£1.45)m *EPS:* 6.37 (4.83)p *Div:* 3.85 mkg 6 (5.25)p	Low valuations resulting from last year's crash have provided the opportunity of acquiring companies.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Acorn Inv	83 -3
BMSS (118p)	119
Bucknall Aust (110p)	116
Builder Gp (125p)	161
Caldwell Inv	38 -2
Christie Grp (145p)	165 -1
Colonnade	138
Colroy (150p)	159 +2
Cupid	110
Erostin Group (165p)	186 +1
European Colour	25
Heritage (95p)	163 -3
Herring Son (150p)	156 +1½
Hi-Tech Sports	142 -1
Lincat Group (115p)	168
Mitsubishi Bank	£13
Nat Telecom	149
Palmerston Hldgs	230
Rentaminster	61
Rockfort	108 -1
Saunderson Elec (130p)	*146 -2*
Savills (125p)	118
SCRcorp	£19⅛ -3/16
Severfield-R (80p)	93 +1
Sonic Tape (15p)	10
Specialeyes	82 +1
Tamans	58
Tams (John) (80p)	90
Thorntons (125p)	127 -1
Zurich Group	54 -1

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Cannon St N/P	20
EBC Gp *N/P*	4 -1
Elliott (B) N/P	8 -2
Ellis & Everard N/P	15
First Tech N/P	20 +1
Honorbilt N/P	7 -½
Kenyon N/P	11 -2
Lynx Tech N/P	4
Silvermines N/P	16 -2
Thompson Clive NP	126

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 26	October 7	December 22	January 9

Call options were taken out on: 4/10/88 MB Group, United Guarantee, Allied Lyons, RTZ, Scottish & Newcastle, Lubanon Gold Mining, ML Laboratories, Singer & Friedlander, Mrs Fields, BP p/p, Hanson, Lonrho, Multitone, Black Holdings, Consolidated Gold, Vickers, Ultramar, CI Group, Oliver Resources, Gateway, Stakis, Smith & Nephew, Tyndall Holdings.
Puts: Trimoco, ICI, Singer & Friedlander. *Puts & Calls:* Gateway, Oliver Resources.

TEMPUS

Branson retains the 'nice guy' image

Could there ever have been *any doubt that the* 40,000 employees, friends and fans of Richard Branson would be offered less than the *140p they* paid for their Virgin shares two years ago, once the near-legendary record producer, retailer and airline proprietor made up his mind to buy his company back?

The advice he received from Samuel Montagu was that 140p a share was too much, but Branson was not prepared to ditch his Mr Nice Guy image for a mere £50 million or so.

He is doing the honourable thing. He is borrowing £200 million against his own 55 per *cent holding* in Virgin *to offer* his shareholders almost half as much again as the 95p they could have got in the market the day before he unveiled his buyback plan.

Branson blames last year's crash for the company's stock market misfortune, but it is *not as simple* as that. *By the* time he made up his mind to go private in July the FT-SE *100 index* was 12 *per cent* higher than it had been on the day Virgin shares were first *traded.* The Virgin share price was 47 per cent lower.

It is arguable that Virgin *contributed* to *its own stock* market downfall. Its preference for conceiving its own new ventures around the world was never going to produce the immediate returns demanded by the City analysts.

The fund managers wanted to see an earnings-laden ac*quisition or two. Having come* to the City, Virgin should perhaps have played by the City's rules.

Had the company not been forced to pull a £50 million rights issue a year, it may perhaps have done so. But it wasn't to be, and Virgin shares were increasingly neglected.

Many other company bosses — notably Blue Arrow's Tony Berry and British & Commonwealth's John Gunn — may be a little green this morning at the ease with which Branson is accomplishing his "privatisation."

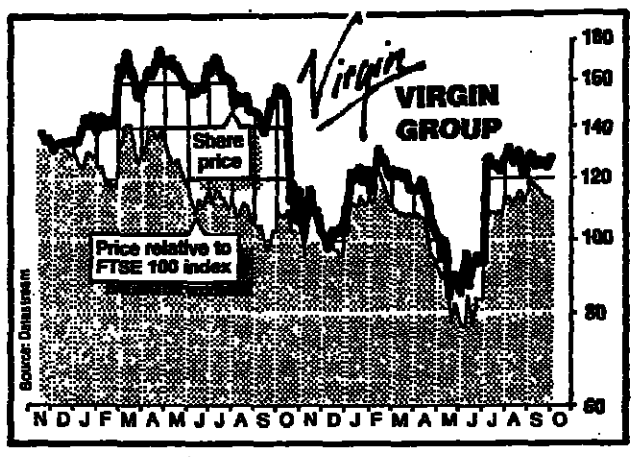
The tie-less tycoon is giving his faithful 40,000 no choice in the matter. His 55 per cent *control* is enough, it seems, to force the plan through.

Branson will disappear, not from the headlines, *maybe,* but from the Square Mile. He didn't fit, but it may be a long *time before the City, which* has discovered more than enough rogues in its own *midst lately, sees quite* such a gentleman again.

Amstrad

Amstrad's results were good *by any standards. But that did* not dispel an air of caution surrounding the share price, *which the company's statement* helped to reinforce.

Amstrad's big problem is



the current shortage of *DRAM* chips, essential for making its computers. The questions are *how long the shortage will last* and how fast Amstrad will be able to boost its production.

The deal with Micron Technology in the US indicates Amstrad's desperate need to secure steady supplies of DRAM chips, and in the short term it looks a good move. It does, however, take the company a little way into component manufacturing, a highly cyclical business which it has always been praised for staying away from.

Nevertheless, this, and a number of contracts being *negotiated with other big* manufacturers, should give the company a regular DRAM *supply by the second quarter* of next year. There is then little reason why computer production should not *rise* sharply.

There is no shortage of demand in Britain so far, although higher interest rates could be dampening the market by 1989. Until the second half of the current financial year, though, much depends on Christmas. With a good Christmas, Amstrad's results even in the first half of the 1988-89 year will also look good. A poor Christmas, and the company's shares will show little performance until well into 1989.

The prospects of at least reasonably healthy Christmas sales are increased by the introduction *of new products* such as a new camcorder and a home computer. Amstrad also *seems to* have good prospects in European markets.

In the meantime, its policy of concentrating on making and selling high-margin professional computers, given the restriction imposed by the shortage of components, is paying off, with profits up £25 *million to* £160.4 million. Analysts are now going for 1989 pre-tax profits of about £190 million, giving a prospective p/e of some 9.3 times.

Sears

It is hard to get excited about Sears, but the rather dowdy *range of activities* makes it a cosier investment than some of its high street competitors.

The average Briton buys at least four pairs of shoes a year — one of which will be from Sears. The market remains fragmented, with half still in the hands of independents.

Although there are changes going on in the shoe market, there is minimal underlying growth. So Sears is improving its performance by increasing efficiencies and upgrading the product mix. Speciality retailing is holding its own, but the overall market is depressed, especially in the West End of London and ladies' fashions.

Newly-acquired Freemans has produced disappointing results. This trend is being reversed despite the short-term set-back from the postal strike, which could have knocked at least £25 million off sales. *Additional distribution* costs will further depress profits. A sharper catalogue, including a selection of branded products, should now give the mail order business a new lease of life.

The falling market rating of housebuilders makes *it* difficult for Sears to realize its subsidiary's full value by divesting it. It is now set for leaner times as demand for new homes is softening.

Sears makes its property portfolio work hard and is stepping up its involvement in property development. William Hill, whose future is also regularly speculated upon, suffered in the half year as a higher proportion of favourites won races, putting pressure on margins.

Since then, however, lost ground *has been made up and* the year as a whole should be ahead. Despite speculation to *the contrary,* no suspicious shareholding has yet been detected in Sears. The Fayed *stake of 10.3 per cent is said to* be-friendly. A takeover is not out of the question, although *Sears would take some digest*ing as it is capitalized at £2 billion.

In the meantime, it remains an essentially defensive investment. Perhaps no bad thing given the fortunes of racier retailers.

SAS in $50m link with Texas Air

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

The Scandinavian airline con*sortium, SAS,* yesterday finally broke out of its North-east European stronghold by *signing a deal with the American* group Texas Air which will provide a world-wide *network of inter-linked* services.

The agreement gives SAS *the right to buy up to 10 per* cent of Texas Air's common stock and Mr Jan Carlson, president of SAS, will be elected to its board. In return SAS will pay Texas a total of $50 million (*£29.5 million*) in three instalments.

SAS has for years been trying to expand by linking its routes more closely with airlines operating inter-continental services but has, until now fallen at almost the last fence. For a time it seemed certain that the airline — which is half owned by the governments of Norway, Sweden and Denmark and half by private investors — would forge closer links with Sabena.

As that collapsed SAS turned its attention to British Caledonian, only to be defeated by the high price offered by Lord King of Wartnaby and the effective lobbying of British Airways.

Talks with Aerolineas Argentinas also came to naught and Mr Carlson was beginning to be regarded as the airline industry's "nearly man."

However, the deal announced yesterday has now provided just the sort of development SAS desperately needed. It will involve sharing many facilities such as ground handling, marketing and sales as well as bringing the two organizations much closer financially.

SAS now operates 600 daily departures to some 90 destinations while Texas Air — parent company of both Continental and Eastern Airlines — flies 2,500 services a day throughout the US and stretching from Australia to Paris and Canada to South America.

"It is an enormous plus for the Texas Air carriers to be associated with SAS," said Mr Frank Lorenzo, Texas Air chairman.

Mr Carlson said: "The Contintental-Eastern-SAS network is the first and only route structurte that literally spans the globe."

Captains of UK industry award themselves 30% pay increases

By Cliff Feltham

Bosses of Britain's leading companies awarded themselves pay rises of more than 30 per cent last year, four times more than those granted their workforce, according to a survey published today.

A shortage of executives able to manage multi-national businesses has forced companies to pay more competitive salaries, according to the a pay study undertaken by Charterhouse, the merchant banking group.

Mr Tony Vernon-Harcourt, who carried out the study into more than 1,200 companies, said: "Bosses are starting to look after themselves. They feel they are no longer prepared to rush around the world supervising people who are being paid more than they are.

"Where companies have major US interests, they find it increasingly unacceptable to pay their top UK executives significantly less than the head of their US operations."

The average earnings of a chief executive went up 14.1 *per cent,* while a *quarter* received increases of more than 31 per cent. The survey found that increases were greatest among the larger companies, with turnover of more than £300 million, where a quarter of all directors received base salary rises of *more* than 20 per cent.

The survey found that the average rise for a chief executive last year was 11.4 per cent, with board directors receiving increases of 10 per cent and senior managers only 8.3 per cent.

Mr Vernon-Harcourt said that provided profits continued to grow boardroom pay should also continue moving ahead at a fast rate. "There is seen to be a shortage of able senior executives capable of *managing major enterprises,"* he said. "Saving 4 or 5 per cent on the senior management pay bill *makes little sense if the* loss of an able senior manager to another company will hold back the development *of the* executive's existing employer."

More than 70 per cent of all directors, and 60 per cent of senior managers, now have part of their pay *linked* to performance — although this means earnings can fall if company performance falters. The chairman of Dixons Group, Mr Stanley Kalms, saw his pay fall from *£659,202* to £494,000.

The survey found that a typical director now has a company car, three-year service contract, more than five weeks holiday a year, and a performance bonus likely to boost his pay by up to 40 per cent if he meets targets. More than half the companies involved in the survey also offered options to buy shares worth three to four times annual salary, in addition to other perks such as medical insurance and attractive pen*sion packages.*

Sir Ralph Halpern, the chairman of the Burton Group, remains Britain's highest-paid businessman with earnings of *£1,359,000,* according to the Charterhouse survey. Mr Christopher Heath, head of Baring Securities, saw his earnings slip from *£2,512,595 to £1,339,219.* But a note in the accounts says final entitlements under Baring's profit-sharing scheme "have not yet been established," which could mean a bumper payout is still in the pipeline.

1. Sir Ralph Halpern (chairman, Burton Group) £1,359,000.
2. Mr Christopher Heath (Baring Securities) £1,339,219.
3. Lord Hanson (chairman, Hanson) £1,263,000.
4. Director of Robert Fleming Holdings £1,238,000.
5. Director of Anglo Leasing £1,205,000.
6. Mr John Gunn (chairman, Brit & C'wealth) £988,847.
7. Director, Marler Estates £935,463.
8. Sir John Nott (chairman, Lazard Brothers) £816,731.
9. Mr Richard Giordano (chairman, BOC Group) £782,300.
10. M Hervé de Carmoy, former chief exec (globa' banking) Midland Bank £748,458.

Bonus boost in executive pay packets

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Executives and managers had average basic pay increases of 10 per cent in the 12 months to last July, while total remuneration was up 12 per cent, thanks mainly to perfor*mance-related* bonuses.

This compared with overall average weekly earnings over *the same* period of between 9 and 9.7 per cent, and when inflation in the 12 months was *in the* range of 4.2 to 4.8 per cent.

Crucially, despite personal *tax reductions* in the last Budget, there is no evidence of executive expectations on *remuneration being scaled* down.

This picture emerges in Britain's longest-running and biggest salaries survey*, — the 27th — produced by P-E Inbucon, the consultancy group.

But averages struck are probably *misleading* this year, because so many executives have been getting perfor*mance-related* bonuses for the first time, said Mr Peter Robinson, P-E Inbucon's *manager* for British salary research. Nearly 18 per cent more directors had cash bonuses in *the 12 months.*

Median increases reflected the main movements more, the mid-point for basic salaries being an 8.5 per cent increase and for total remuneration a rise of 9.3 per cent, said Mr Robinson.

The survey also shows that differentials between directors and managers have widened to the advantage of the directors. For 28 per cent of managing directors, there were salary increases of more *than 15 per cent, with 16 per* cent seeing increases of more than a fifth. The largest single group — 37 per cent of those surveyed — had increases between 5 and 10 per cent.

Other directors did not do quite so well, but 18 per cent had increases of more than 15 per cent. Other executives and managers, however, in only 14 per cent of cases, had increases of more than 15 per cent and 54 per cent were in the *5 to 10* per cent rise category.

There are regional fluctuations, but they are not as dramatic as sometimes suggested, Mr Robinson went on. Salaries in Greater London are 12 per cent higher than the British norm, with the South-east 3 per cent above.

The South-west, benefiting from motorways that bring more industry to the region, was 2 per cent above. But the lowest — the East Midlands and Yorkshire and Humberside — were only 6 per cent below the norm.

Slightly below the norm also were the North of England, the West Midlands, East Anglia and Wales, with the North-west and Scotland at the norm.

Share option schemes are still popular, despite the stock market crash. Financial services still top the increases league at 11 per cent above the all-industries norm (down from 17 per cent last time).

The typical British executive is aged 45, with 13 years in the *company and just under five in* the job. (These figures show little difference from 1967 when the profile was aged 44, just over 13 years and just over five.) Earnings: £29,642 in *total remuneration,* of which £4,310 will probably be bonus. Perks: company car, private *health insurance,* five weeks' holiday and a pension plan paying at least a sixtieth of salary for each year of company service (personal contribution about 6 per cent of salary).

A TYPICAL COMPANY DIRECTOR'S PACKAGE

Performance bonus	between 15 and 40 per cent of salary
Executive option	shares worth three or four times salary
Enhanced pension	better terms and earlier retirement
Company car	worth between £6,000 and £20,000
Private fuel	widely available
Contracts	three-year contract
Holidays	more than 25 days a year
Medical insurance	insurance for spouse and family

**1988 P-E Inbucon Survey of Executive Salaries and Benefits*: £195, from P-E Inbucon, Park House, Wick Road, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0HW.

Nylex in £337m bid for NZ company

By Rodney Hobson

BTR Nylex, the Australian group in which BTR holds a 62 per cent stake, is making a NZ$935.2 million (£337 mil*lion*) bid *to expand* its operations in Australia, New Zealand and the US.

It is paying NZ$3.20 a share in cash for Equiticorp's 80 per cent stake in Feltrax Inter*national of New Zealand*, a manufacturer of building products, skylights, commer*cial furniture*, carpets, wool products, plastic packaging and doors.

An equivalent offer in cash — or a combination of cash and BTR Nylex shares — is to be made for the minority 20 per cent.

If the minority offer is fully taken up in shares, BTR Nylex will issue 9.5 million new shares, equal to 27 per cent of the current issued capital.

If the deal is approved by the regulatory authorities, Feltrax will sell its 80 per cent holding in New Zealand Steel which it bought last year for NZ$327 million in a privatization move by New Zealand's Labour government.

Analysts say that NZ Steel represents about half the NZ$2.6 billion of assets of the diversified industrial target.

Excluding NZ Steel, Feltrax sales total about £558 million, with about 40 per cent manufactured in the US and 40 per cent in Australia.

About half of the 20 per cent manufactured in New Zealand is exported.

Mr Alan Jackson, BTR Nylex's managing director, said that Feltrax was a "delightful fit" with his company.

BTR Nylex manufactures and markets machine belts and rubber components. In April, *it completed an* Aus$1.7 billion takeover of the ACI International glass and packaging conglomerate.

Equiticorp will become a finance and investment com*pany, retaining* Equiticorp Finance Group, Aurora Group, a property company and *GPG*, a *61* per cent-owned merchant bank

NZ Steel's most likely buyer is New Zealand's biggest company, Fletcher Challenge.

Its spokesman said yesterday *that* it had an application before the New Zealand Commerce Commission, the *regulatory authority.*

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Amstrad invests £45m to secure computer chip link

By Richard Thomson

Amstrad, the consumer electronics company, yesterday announced a £45 million investment in Micron Technology Inc, a US semi-conductor manufacturer, as part of a strategy to secure steady supplies of DRAM memory chips for its computers.

Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, said that his company was taking a 9 per cent stake in the US company in return for the right to purchase 9 per cent of Micron's DRAM and other semi-conductor production for the three years beginning January 1 1989.

Mr Sugar said that a world shortage of the chips was the main factor influencing Amstrad's performance last year.

The company is negotiating supply contracts with manufacturers such as Texas Instruments, Hitachi and Samsung, and hopes to have secured sufficient supplies of DRAMs by March next year. The shortgage, which was limiting production of some computers, was the first problem the company had faced over which it had little control.

To limit the effect, Amstrad said it had concentrated on selling high-margin business machines, rather than producing large numbers of cheaper, lower-margin computers.

Amstrad yesterday revealed pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 of £160.4 million, an 18 per cent increase from £135.7 million last year. Earnings per share rose from 17.13p to 18.99p, while the full year dividend is being raised from 0.7p to 1.4p.

Amstrad said it had made inroads into the corporate market, which the company defines as any customer with a VAT registration, and now aimed to take a larger share of this market with its more powerful "top-end" machines.

With several new products soon to be launched, such as a new personal computer and a new video camera, Amstrad expects a strong advance in sales this year. The company said that the new PC 2000 series computer would start to have a significant effect in the second half of the current year.

Sales of audio equipment are also expected to rise, after falling back £5 million to £30 million last year, with the introduction of a new range this year.

Extraordinary items rose from nothing to £4.2 million. These included the cost of writing off the loss on acquiring the Fidelity audio brand and the cost of ending overseas distributorships.

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Shares rise on Sears advance

By Alexandra Jackson

Better-than-expected results from Sears, the retail group, pushed the shares up 5p to 130p. Pre-tax profits rose from £93.3 million to £102.3 million in the six months to end-July, on sales 38 per cent higher at £1.4 billion.

The group is paying a dividend of 1.45p, up from 1.35p.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears, painted a cautious picture for consumer spending against a backcloth of higher interest rates. However, he said: "The restructuring of our business has put us in a strong position to minimize the effect of a downturn."

Freemans, the mail order business, acquired in January, accounted for 60 per cent of the £26.5 million rise in trading profits from £83.4 million to £109.9 million.

However, the associated higher interest cost meant pretax profits were depressed by £5 million. Freemans is not expected to make a net profit contribution before 1990-91.

William Hill, the bookmakers' chain, had a bad half year with profits falling from £12.5 million to £9.5 million.

Footwear profits rose 15 per cent to £41.6 million on sales 5 per cent higher. Trading profits from speciality retailing increased a modest 3 per cent to £24.4 million. Lack of tourists in London's West End left Selfridges' profits flat while ladies fashions had a difficult trading period.

Galliford Sears, the housebuilding division, increased house sales from 529 to 600. It is on target to complete 1,150 homes by the year-end.

Sears has been dogged for some time by market speculation that it about to fall prey to a bid. Mr Maitland Smith said nothing suspicious had appeared on the share register and that the Fayeds, owners of Harrods and holders of 10.3 per cent of the equity, had recently added to their holding.

Just the ticket: Maitland Smith, left, with chief executive Michael Pickard yesterday

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Shandwick soars 158% to £8.81m

By Wolfgang Münchau

Shandwick, the world's third largest public relations company, unveiled a 158 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £8.81 million in the year to end-July. The operating income was also up 158 per cent, to £40.22 million.

Mr Peter Gummer, chairman, said acquisitions are planned, particularly in Europe and the US, but the company is believed to be no longer involved in takeover talks with Charles Barker, the recruitment and PR business.

Mr Gummer said: "We are currently not seeking an acquisition in the UK unless there is a perfect fit".

Much of Shandwick's growth came from acquisitions, although organic growth still accounted for around 35 per cent. During the year, Shandwick bought International Public Relations, Japan's top agency, for a maximum of £25 million.

Since the IPR deal, Shandwick receives its income in roughly equal parts from continental Europe, the Pacific rim and the US, a pattern of distribution, currently very much in favour in the advertising and marketing industry, and popular with sector analysts.

Shandwick's earnings per share rose 63 per cent to 47.6p. A final dividend of 5.5p per share makes a 7.5p total, up 36 per cent.

● Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell, the advertising and marketing agency group, saw a 40.6 per cent increase in first-half pre-tax profits to £6.68 million on turnover up 56 per cent to £213 million. Earnings per share rose by 16.3 per cent to 16.09p. The interim dividend was 4p (3.4p) per share.

M&S launches its own unit trust fund

By Vivien Goldsmith

Marks and Spencer has launched its own unit trust, the Marks and Spencer Investment Portfolio.

More than 2 million M&S cardholders and 300,000 shareholders will receive mailshots, offering extra discounts during the launch period.

Customers will not be able to buy units in stores, and cardholders will not be able to charge them to accounts.

M&S Financial Services has turned to Frank Russell, the US investment consultant, for investment advice.

The trust has been constructed to give solid performance. It will be invested 60 per cent in British equities, 20 per cent in fixed income instruments and 20 per cent in overseas equities.

Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, will manage the fixed income part of the portfolio and Globe Finlay, an management firm from New York will manage the overseas part.

The British equities section will be split between three managers — 60 per cent goes to Barclays de Zoete Wedd — for investment in a spread of equities which mirrors the FT All-Share Index — 20 per cent to Mercury Asset Management (part of SG Warburg, and 20 per cent to GMO Woolley, a subsidiary of an American fund management group set up in this country this year.

Mr Keith Oates, finance director of Marks and Spencer, called the new trust "a fund for all seasons. This approach will probably not appeal to those investors out to make an overnight profit."

The minimum investment is £500 or £25 a month into a savings plan.

Clowes focus on delay at CH Bailey

By Lawrence Lever

CH Bailey, the company which owns assets ranging from a fleet of luxury yachts to a 550-bedroom hotel in Malta, is delaying the announcement of its full-year results.

The company is of interest to investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar arm of the crashed fund management group. This is because more than £2 million of Barlow Clowes money was used to help finance the purchase of a 29.6 per cent stake in CH Bailey by Brodian.

Brodian is the nominee company used by Mr Peter Clowes, the former chairman of Barlow Clowes, and Mr Guy von Cramer, his former business associate, for various corporate forays. It was Brodian that purchased 53 per cent of Buckley's Brewery, the Welsh brewer.

CH Bailey says that the delay in announcing its preliminary results has occurred because the audits of several substantial overseas subsidiaries are not yet completed.

The results should have been announced on September 30. No one was available at Bailey to elaborate on the delay yesterday.

According to Bailey's company records the Brodian stake was transferred into the name of Sinjul Nominees — the nominee company used by merchant bank Singer & Friedlander — in two tranches in December last year and April this year.

There was no one available at Singer and Friedlander who could provide an explanation for the transfers.

The first transfer took place a month after the Department of Trade and Industry began an investigation into Barlow Clowes and the second came a month before Barlow Clowes was closed down.

The explanation for the transfers could simply be on the grounds of administrative convenience since Bailey has not been notified of any change in the beneficial owners of the 29.6 per cent stake. Singer has already taken possession of the Buckley's stake which Brodian purchased and has put it up for sale to recover money that it is owed.

Mr von Cramer, although he is a director of Brodian, has maintained that he was never aware that money belonging to Barlow Clowes investors was being used to fund or support its corporate manoeuvres.

COMMENT David Brewerton

A rude awakening for the jolly Green Giant

We said Grand Metropolitan had to move fast to make its enormous dilutive acquisition, but the speed with which the ever smiling Allen Sheppard switched his attention from selling in Tokyo to buying in Minneapolis is none the less astonishing.

GrandMet needed to move fast for two reasons; one to do with itself and the other to do with Pillsbury. On its own stage, the group had to make sure that it made a big acquisition before investors got to wise to the fact that the sale of Inter-Continental Hotels would, on its own, provide a sharp uplift to earnings. It was inevitable that any major acquisition would dilute earnings per share, and it had to make sure that the forecasts had not been locked into broker's computers based on one half only of the grand plan.

In the event, even after Pillsbury GrandMet should be able to produce earnings per share of 52p or so for the current year, still 13 per cent up from the estimated 46p of 1987/88. Without the acquisition, the earnings gain would have been nearer 30 per cent than 13 per cent, but the benefits of issuing shares at a low rating, only a little over eight times estimated 1987/88 earnings, go to its own shareholders via the novel rights issue, rather than to Pillsbury's.

As to the other end of the timing, GrandMet knew it had to strike while the jolly Green Giant was still slumbering, although the tactic of announcing the bid through an advertisement in the American press was perhaps taking the sleeping metaphor too far. Pillsbury has been hiring and firing presidents faster than Burger King can cook up the large fries. The current incumbent, Philip Smith, arrived only in July and has not yet had time to make his mark on the earnings line. But Smith came from General Foods with a reputation for making things happen, and if GrandMet allowed him too long to settle into his job the price of Pillsbury would rise faster than a pack of frozen dough.

Pillsbury fits neatly into GrandMet's stated strategy, and provides a useful spread between food manufacturing and retailing and weight in the United States. The price GrandMet is offering is hardly ungenerous compared with the recent stock market price of Pillsbury, but it does allow room for Mr Smith and the other Pillsbury directors to negotiate a higher face saving price.

Given that this year's crop of major contested take-overs in the US by British companies have been won by our away team, Mr Smith will be perhaps seeking revenge on behalf of corporate America, although the GrandMet assault seems to have been planned with great care. It is all the more surprising then, that GrandMet and its pals made such a hash of the Irish Distillers bid, but then perhaps Mr Sheppard is not all that concerned with mere £300 million takeovers any more.

Slap in the face for a friend

Kuwait has long been regarded as a an ally of Britain on the international stage and warmly welcomed in London's financial world as one of its largest and most responsible investors. It can be forgiven this morning for feeling as though the relationship has been abused by the decision of the Government to enforce a sale of the bulk of the Kuwait investment in British Petroleum.

The bold move to invest heavily in the state sale of BP shares last autumn came at a most convenient moment for the Chancellor. For the October market crash threatened to turn the exercise into a disaster. But for the buying of the Kuwait Investment Office, the Government could well have been an unwilling repurchaser of the bulk of its own holding, after Mr Lawson offered a safety-net price to those caught up in the debacle.

The details of what went on behind the scenes during the aftermath of the crash have never been revealed. But it must be assumed that the KIO was not warned off by the Treasury when it first emerged as a holder of 10 per cent of BP.

As a member of Opec, the oil producers' cartel, Kuwait must have been aware that a 22 per cent stake might prove bothersome to BP, which operates in the same world markets for crude oil. But Sir Peter Walters, BP's chairman, though unhappy about the long-term implication of seeing an Opec government occupying a substantial presence on his share register in place of a non-Opec one, was less than forceful in his public pronouncements.

Even after the BP holding was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the KIO took steps to soothe concerns by volunteering a legally enforcible deed of covenant which gave a number of undertakings in perpetuity.

These included a promise not to increase its holding beyond the 22 per cent level then reached, a pledge that not more than 14.9 per cent of the voting rights would be mobilized and a declaration that board representation would not be sought.

That ought to have satisfied most reasonable men, especially those in Whitehall whose political reputations were at risk when the BP share sale appeared to be heading for the rocks. The decision to force a sale on what may prove to be punitive terms, can not appear other than shabby treatment towards a friend and ally.

Britoil's marriage objector

The path of successful mergers doesn't always run smoothly as oil giant BP has now discovered. While retired accountant Michael Marshall, a champion of the small shareholder, continues to do battle in the High Court, against all the odds, claiming irregularities in its takeover of Britoil earlier this year, another lone Britoil shareholder has, I hear, also now resorted to legal action. Roy Harrison, an electrical engineer from Grimsby, and a client of Quilter Goodison, had an initial hearing in the law courts on Monday and his case has been adjourned. He claims that the take-out price of 500p a share was far too cheap, citing an independent valuation, carried out at the time, of 699p, as more appropriate. Marshall's case, also heard by a registrar on Monday, is now to go before a judge, and he is determined to stick to his guns even though he claims he was tentatively sounded out on an offer of £10 a share for his tiny 100-share holding in Britoil — twice the 500p a share paid to all other shareholders. "It was hinted at when I went to Linklaters and Paine, BP's lawyers, to deliver my affidavit, about 10 days ago," he says.

● A new definition of old age for weary slickers: when a long-dated gilt matures, and you can remember it being issued.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Double take, take two

Despite the pressures of Sir Kit McMahon's £200,000-a-year job, Richard Branson must think the chairman of Midland Bank leads a very civilized life. For yesterday McMahon was forced to foresake his usual power breakfast and sit in the reception at Midland Montagu's glitzy new HQ in Lower Thames Street, reading the *Financial Times*. He was, I can assure Midland shareholders, being filmed for "The Three Minute Culture" series to be screened on BBC2. The cameramen were hidden in a nearby lift, filming Sir Kit as the doors opened and closed. But, oblivious to all this, Branson interrupted the process when he entered the building — to finalize details of his Virgin Group buyout with his corporate finance advisers — and enthusiastically introduced himself. The disgruntled camera crew, ignorant about the identity of the "man in a woolly jumper", had to shoot the scene again.

Legal first

The legal profession, these days allowed to advertise its wares, is venturing into new and unchartered ground... Lewis Silkin, a long-established London firm with offices in Westminster and Peckham, has this week become the first law firm to promote itself through the medium of posters. Billboard hoardings have been signed up for a trial one-month period, and as well as attempting to raise its general profile, the firm is hoping that its novel approach, coupled with its graduate recruitment drive, will catch the eye of a number of highly prized law students. Illustrating the problem all law firms are now experiencing in recruiting sufficient graduates to cope with their ever-growing mountain of work — in our increasingly litigious society — poster sites in university cities such as Bristol and Cardiff are being used in addition to London.

"Oh, him? He's the manager of our local DIY store"

Broad and Square

The breakaway of deputy chairman John Coyle from the publicly-quoted public relations firm Broad Street Associates to form his own company confirmed reports in the *City Diary* earlier this year of management unrest. Coyle, aged 43, officially launched Square Mile Communications this week. Although Broad Street has taken a 10 per cent stake, sceptics claim this is probably a face-saving move. Indeed, so upset by Coyle's defection is Broad Street's founder Brian Basham that he was to be found "eating" glasses in a City hostelry last week — one of his more unusual party tricks. Under the terms of his departure, Coyle is allowed to approach a number of Broad Street's clients and, along with other introductions, will soon have signed up £350,000 of annual retainer fees. The firm already has four other share-holding executives — Sue Ellis and John Kiely from Broad Street and Zoe Biddick and Emma Cameron from Grandfield Rork Collins. "Of the people we have been allowed to approach, almost all have said they wanted to come with us," says a cheerful Coyle.

● "The Home of the Whopper" is one of the advertising slogans used in the US by Burger King, part of the Pillsbury empire now being bid for by GrandMet. But GrandMet's advisers are jesting that Pillsbury now has to digest a whopper, because the press release on the £3.1 billion tender is 47 pages.

Carol Leonard

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AIBD Reporting Requirements

United Kingdom-based members of AIBD will have to report all transactions in international securities to the Association from April 3, 1989. AIBD reporting dealers and inter-dealer brokers will have to report transactions with professional counterparties from January 3, 1989.

On October 1, 1988 new AIBD rules will come into effect that impose reporting requirements on members of the AIBD which carry on investment business in the United Kingdom and who are subject to a requirement to report transactions in international securities under rules made pursuant to, or by any self-regulatory organization recognized under, the Financial Services Act 1986.

Members falling in that category must subscribe to the AIBD Trax system for the purposes of transaction matching and must report to the AIBD every transaction in international securities, whether or not entered into with a member of the AIBD.

AIBD reporting dealers must, from January 3, 1989, report via Trax every transaction in international securities entered into with another reporting dealer or an inter-dealer broker. Inter-dealer brokers must from the same date report all transactions in such securities with reporting dealers.

Details of the rules will be mailed to members early October, 1988.

It is imperative that members affected by the new rules have appropriate resources in place to connect to Trax by the dates applying to them. For further information on Trax members are asked to contact AIBD (Systems and Information) Limited in London on 538 5656.

John Wolters
Secretary General

Why Kuwait must cut its BP stake from 21.6% to 9.9%

Main conclusions and recommendations of the report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the Kuwait Investment Office's shareholding in BP

Men in the spotlight: Lord Young (top), BP's Sir Peter Walters, and the MMC report

The question we have to determine is whether the merger situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest. In many of the cases before us, when we identify adverse effects they can clearly be related to detriments to competition which may be expected to arise from the effects of the merger in reducing the number of competitors or in some way impeding existing or future prospects for competition in the particular market. In this case the detriments we are concerned with relate to potential restraints on the policies and management of a company and on the effects that third parties' perception of the merger situation may have on that company at some time in the future.

In considering whether the merger situation may be expected to operate against the public interest the Commission have looked at individual issues and the situation as a whole. As we have indicated, the sheer size of the Government of Kuwait's shareholding means *that it could* be used *to defeat* ordinary and special resolutions at general meetings.

The mere existence of a holding of this size would create difficulties for BP's management and would influence it to take decisions and actions different from those it would take without the existence of that shareholding.

Influence on BP

BP's actions could be influenced either by the threat of a sale or through actual sales, *or by the placing of shares on* the market at an inopportune time or a threat to place the shares with unfriendly buyers. The Government of Kuwait's ability to make known its intentions to vote in particular ways or to support the proposals *of other* shareholders would also be likely to influence BP's Board, as would Kuwait's promise of support on some issues or abstention on others. There is a great difference between the interventions of numbers of ordinary *and institutional* investors each having a relatively small percentage of the share capital and the existence and possible intervention by a block of some 21.6 per cent of the shareholding owned by a foreign government which is a major producer of oil and a competitor in downstream activities in the oil market.

The Government of Kuwait and its agency, KIO, are not bound by the same considerations as most other investors. Even on strictly *investment* grounds the Government of Kuwait's considerations, having regard to the long-term nature of its investments, the size of its holdings and its revenues, are unlikely to be the same as other investors. Even if the Government of Kuwait were to be effectively bound by undertakings to vote as an investor and not to further any political *or other interests of the state,* it would be difficult to establish its motivation for taking a particular approach on individual issues or whether any particular action or attitude falls within the terms of any undertaking.

The size of the Government of Kuwait's shareholding is such that it could be used to influence the policy of BP on many matters, including research into and the development of substitute or alternative sources of energy or oil products, the exploration for oil or the development of new or marginal existing oilfields, or acquisitions.

Furthermore, we believe that in future the perception in some third party countries, including the United States of America, of this influential shareholding by a member of Opec is a factor which could *have adverse effects on BP's* activities.

Although accepting the Government of Kuwait's present intentions, we consider that it may be expected in the future to exercise its influence in one or more of the ways we *have indicated previously.* The important fact to bear in mind is that we are looking at the long term. In the future, circumstances are certain to change, and sovereign states may be expected to adapt to changing circumstances and on occasions to place their *national interests ahead of* their interests as investors. In this respect we have to bear in mind that oil is a most important strategic commodity and it is a product of fundamental importance to Kuwait. Morever Kuwait, which is *currently* producing well below its capacity, is a member of Opec and it has been Opec's policy for years and it is likely to be its policy in the future to control the supply of oil as a means of influencing its price. Opec's policy is *fundamentally* different from that of HMG and BP, which is to leave prices to market forces.

Turbulent history

Another factor to which we must have regard is the turbulent history of the Middle East and the possibility that it could again be the centre of regional or wider conflicts. Kuwait, as a sovereign state with *large* oil reserves which are relatively cheap to exploit, must be involved in the politics of the area.

Taking all these factors into account we *believe* that there is a high degree of probability that sooner or later situations will arise in which Kuwait's national and international interests will come sharply into conflict with BP's and HMG's interests. Such conflicts of interest would be even more likely to occur if a future government in Kuwait was less well-disposed to the West and the *United Kingdom.* We consider that if and when these conflicts occur Kuwait will seek, and be able, to use its shareholding to influence BP in the ways we have set out and that this may be expected to be determental to, and will operate against, the United Kingdom public interest.

The future of BP's commercial activities and the way in which these are carried out are matters which affect the public interest. We conclude that the merger situation may be *expected to operate against* the public interest.

We should add that, in considering the public interest issues and our conclusions, we have taken into account the provisions of the Deed of Covenant offered by Kuwait. *However, even in the absence* of the difficulties as to enforceability and enforcement which we believe would exist in respect of the Deed — or even if a further Deed, in the same form, were to be executed by the Government of *Kuwait,* and were *capable* of enforcement by the Secretary of State — we do not *consider that it would go far* enough. The exercise of voting rights of 14.9 per cent of the issued capital would still leave the Government of Kuwait *with a dominating* shareholding at general meetings. In our view Kuwait would still be able to defeat, or make it difficult to pass, ordinary or special resolutions of which it disapproved.

An undertaking not to vote shares is in our view unsatisfactory in the long term. The prospect of a sale of a large block of non-voting shares overhanging the market would have a depressing effect on the share price and would restrict the *management's* freedom of action at times when it wanted to raise capital or issue shares for acquisitions. Moreover, even if the undertakings in relation to the way in which the shares would be voted were enforceable by the Secretary of State, they would nevertheless constitute undertakings whose effect would be dependent for *their enforcement upon* positive intervention and the discretion of the court.

Deed of Covenant

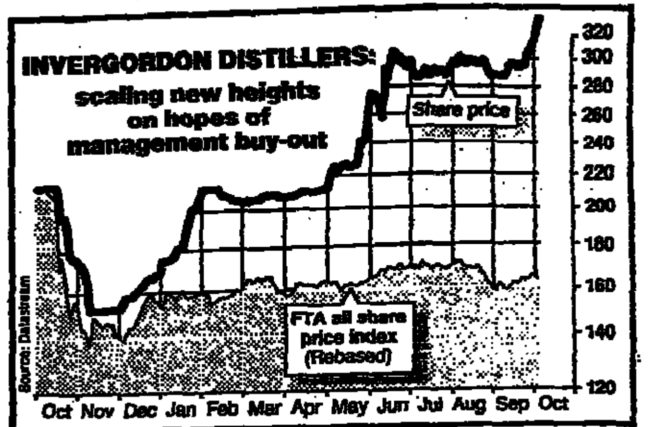
*We have given careful consid*eration to the question of remedies. We first looked at the matters that were set out in the Deed. While the Secretary of State's disclaimer of the Deed ended any possibility that its provisions could be enforced, we bore in mind that a further Deed may be executed. We also considered *whether the subject matter* of the provisions themselves, apart from their inclusion in the Deed, might form the basis of undertakings which we could recommend. However, we have not found the Deed of assistance as regards the *consideration of remedies.*

In these circumstances we consider that the only effective remedy is for the shareholding to be reduced to *a level* at which it could be expected not to exert material influence. We consider that *the maximum level of* shareholding should be 9.9 per cent, ie just below the 10 per cent level at which it could requisition company meetings for a poll.

We believe that in order to maintain and promote an orderly market in *BP's* shares, the divestment should be carried out over some 12 months, which should be subject to some flexibility in the *light of market conditions.* In the meantime, it would be advisable if the Government of Kuwait's voting rights were to be restricted to those applicable to 9.9 per cent, after taking account of the shares to be divested, of the share *capital of BP* and that there should be consultation before any disposals of the shares.

STOCK MARKET

Market-makers fume at Stock Exchange error over Rothmans



Stockbrokers were left seething at some of their own Stock Exchange officials last night over *the fate of a near £400* million stake in **Rothmans International**, the tobacco group.

They were thrown into confusion by an announcement which came on to their Topic trading screens at 4.55 pm, claiming that the Rupert Foundation, which is part of the Rembrandt Group, had sold its entire holding of *18.25* million ordinary shares (99.95 per cent) and 86.02 million "B" shares, or 29 per cent of the "B" shares, on September 20. Expecting a full bid, the shares of Rothmans "B" responded to the news with a *jump of 18p to 455p.*

Then, 15 minutes later, came another announcement that the shares had been sold to Compagnie Financiere Richemont — the European arm of Rembrandt. Last month, the Rembrandt Group *established* a Swiss investment arm to hold all its non-South African assets to give it greater international flexibility. Dealers were caught unawares with many of them calling for an inquiry. The Rothmans share price finished the day just 5.5p higher at 443p.

There are few signs of a revival in the share price of Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's best known advertising agency. It gave a presentation to fund managers at Warburg Securities but the price ended *the day unchanged at 350p* — just 13p above its low for the year.

One leading broker com*plained:* "The Stock Exchange continues to talk about creating an orderly market, but, with these two announcements, they have succeeded in creating a totally false market in Rothmans."

Most of them agreed that *both announcements should* have been made simultaneously. An embarrassed spokesperson *for* the Stock Exchange admitted: "I'm afraid it was our fault. The two disclosures came in seperately and were dealt with *seperately.*"

She added: "It's not the sort of thing we like to see happening, so we take the rap for it."

The rest of the equity market picked itself up off the floor after being rocked by the news of Grand Metropolitan's *$5.23 billion (£3.08 billion)* bid for Pillsbury, the US food group, and the Monopolies and Merger Commission's request to the Kuwait Investment Office to reduce to its 21.6 per cent stake in BP to 9.9 per cent over the next year.

Fund *managers,* worried by the heavy demands being made on their cash by Grand Met's £479 million rights issue and the unwanted BP shares, ran for cover. But the expected flood of sellers failed to materialize which enabled *share prices to claw back all of* their earlier losses and end the day with modest gains.

This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index which finished 4.7 up at 1,807.3, having been 15.6 down earlier on. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also shrugged off a deficit of *13.6* to finish *1.8* up at *1,457.6.*

Government securities sported gains of up to £¼ at the longer end.

Oil shares suffered an early mark-down, worried by the BP sale and the continuing *slide in in the crude price* which touched $11 a barrel. But prices later rallied along with the rest of the market to reduce the falls.

BP finished all-square at 237p while a recent takeover favourite, **Enterprise Oil**, rose *4p to 643p.* **Burmah** stood out with a leap of 22p to 550p on talk that the KIO was prepared to exchange *its holding* in BP for new shares in the company.

The news of Grand Met's proposed US acquisition produced a few early sellers of some of those stocks that had been tipped as potential bid targets.

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group where General Cinema still owns an 18 per cent stake, fell 10p at one stage, before rallying to finish 3p up on the day 376p. **Ranks Hovis McDougall** *also* recovered some of its losses to finish a net 2p lighter at 377p.

Ranks was the subject of a bid this year from Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food group, which was later referred to the Monopolies *Commission. The Australians* still hold a near 30 per cent stake. Both Cadbury and Ranks *had* been tipped as likely bid targets for GrandMet.

Invergordon Distillers continued to scale new heights *with a leap of 30p to 342p. The* recent strength of the share price has led the company to admit that it has received an approach from its management which may lead to an *offer being made.*

Invergordon is 65 per cent owned by Hawker Siddeley, the aerospace engineer, and is no newcomer to takeover speculation. But it was not until June that the first signs that a bid was on the way finally surfaced. Greig Middleton, the stockbroker, was forced by the Takeover *Panel to announce that it had* been advising one of its clients on the possibility of making a *bid.* At these levels, Invergordon is valued at almost £80 million.

Mr Paul Deacon of Goldman Sachs, the broker, says there is still quality and value to be found in the stores sector, which remains overshadowed by the expected slowdown in consumer spending. He tips *Marks and Spencer, which* closed 4p higher at 167p, and Next, 3p better at 169p.

Ferranti enjoyed a late burst of support with the price recovering an early fall to close unchanged at 92.5p as an unusually high 7.5 million shares changed hands. Some brokers have been claiming that the shares have been oversold in recent months and may be due for a re-rating.

Sykes-Pickavant, which is quoted on the USM, held steady at 133p despite the news *that Mr Brian Yates had* resigned as managing director. Mr Peter Farnell, the finance director, has taken over the role temporarily.

Michael Clark

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	496	CU	1,088	Laporte	589	Saatchi	15
Abbey	672	Cons Gold	1,231	L&G	833	Sainsbury	584
Alld-Lyons	*1,979*	*Cookson*	*787*	*Lloyds*	*1,978*	*Scot & N*	*1,387*
Amstrad	5,300	Courtaulds	1,019	Lonrho	2,240	Sears	4,727
ASDA	2,060	Dalgety	1,306	Lucas	667	Sedgwick	697
AB Foods	167	Dixons	877	*Magnet*	881	Shell	1,755
Argyll	617	ECC	266	M&S	2,447	Siebe	212
BAA	2,339	*Enterprise*	1,470	Maxwell Cm	809	Slough	704
BET	748	Ferranti	5,739	MB Group	1,440	Smith & N	615
BTR	856	Fisons	4,261	MEPC	875	Smith WH	588
BAT	962	FKI Babck	544	Midland	357	Smiths Ind	60
Barclays	2,231	Gateway Cp	927	NatWest	1,517	STC	665
Bass	242	Gen Acc	151	Next	1,834	Stan Chart	444
Beecham	*1,710*	*GEC*	*3,875*	*Nth Food*	*528*	*Storehse*	*583*
Beazer	2,965	Glaxo	1,449	P&O	2,266	Sun Allnce	592
Berisfd SW	1,053	Globe Inv	216	Pearl	843	T & N	33
BICC	162	Glynwed	309	Pearson	26	Tarmac	2,054
Blue Arrow	668	Granada	950	Pilkington	1,553	Tate & Lyle	88
Blue Circle	2,030	Grand Met	14,872	Plessey	3,033	Taylor Wood	n/a
BOC	549	GUS 'A'	758	Polly Peck	621	TSB	1,753
Boots	2,360	GRE	3,947	*Prudential*	1,310	Tesco	1,893
BPB	566	GKN	2,064	Racal	1,920	Thorn EMI	261
Br Aero	1,252	Guinness	660	Rk Hovis	1,292	*Trafalgar*	743
Br Airways	3,385	Hamm 'A'	160	Rank	1,582	THF	3,653
Br Comm	*558*	*Hanson*	*4,858*	*R&C*	281	*Ultramar*	1,333
Br Gas	3,689	H & C	39	Redland	454	Unigate	353
Br Land	571	Hawker	746	Reed	657	Unilever	1,097
Br Petrol	11,262	Hillsdown	1,087	Reuters	276	United Bis	1,471
Br Telecm	2,034	*IMI*	619	RMC Gp	586	Utd News	403
Bunzl	34	ICI	724	RTZ	552	Wellcome	743
Burmah	1,023	Inchcape	1,356	R-Royce	1,228	Whitbrd	371
Burton	1,870	Jaguar	537	Rothmn 'B'	1,142	*Williams*	904
C&W	837	Lasmo	1,792	Rowntree	1	Willis Fab	328
Cadbury	6,179	Ladbroke	1,062	Royal Bank	1,189	Wimpey G	355
Coats	913	Land Sec	1,210	Royal Ins	2,841	Woolworth	1,433

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*462)	390	75	85	97	3	9	13
	420	50	62	75	6	15	23
	460	22	38	50	22	33	38
Bass (*762)	700	90	100	110	2	7	12
	750	42	57	73	5	22	25
	800	12	28	47	27	45	50
Brit Air (*165)	140	26	28	32	1	2½	5
	160	9	13	18	4	8	12
	180	2	5	9	20	23	24
Brit Com (*218)	220	6	14	18	8	15	18
	240	2	7	11	28	30	32
	260	1	5	6	47	47	48
Brit Gas (*174)	160	14½	22	23	1	3	5
	180	2	8	10½	9	11	13½
	200	½	3	4	28	28	29
BP (*235)	220	18	26½	29	2	5	10
	240	4½	13½	17	8½	13	20
	260	1½	6½	9½	26	28	34
Cons Gold (*1288)	950	340	360	390	3	8	14
	1000	290	315	345	4	13	23
	1100	190	230	270	7	25	45
Courtauld (*278)	300	3	12	21	26	33	34
	330	1	6	11	56	58	59
	360	½	3	7	86	88	88
Com Union (*338)	330	15	30	37	7	13	24
	360	3	17	21	26	32	44
	390	1	6½	12	56	56	66
C & W (*388)	330	59	68	80	2	5	9
	360	32	45	57	4	12	16
	390	11	25	37	14	26	28
GEC (*155)	140	18	22	26	1	4	6
	160	3½	9	13	6½	11	15
	180	1	3	6	28	28	29
GKN (*316)	300	20	32	37	5	9	17
	330	4	17	22	20	25	32
	360	1	7	12	47	50	56
Grand Met (*455)	420	42	-	-	5	-	-
	460	11	28	38	19	26	35
	500	3	13½	22	50	53	57
	550	1	6	10	100	102	105
ICI (*1029)	900	127	152	-	1	5	-
	950	77	112	122	2	13	32
	1000	37	77	90	14	28	50
	1100	4	29	40	83	87	105
Jaguar (*257)	240	21	33	38	4	10	17
	260	7	20	26	10	18	27
	280	3	12	17	28	32	42
	300	1½	7	12	45	50	57
Land Sec (*563)	500	65	75	87	1½	6	12
	550	20	38	50	8	20	25
	600	3	13	23	43	48	50
M & S (*167)	140	27	31	34	1	2½	4
	160	9	14	21	2	7½	10½
	180	1¼	5	10	16	21	24
R-Royce (*132)	120	12	18	23	1½	4½	7
	130	5	12	15	3½	8	11
	140	1½	8	10	11	14½	16
STC (*276)	240	39	47	52	1	4	6
	260	21	32	38	4	10	11
	280	8	20	26	14	16	22
Sainsbury (*194)	200	3	9	14	9	12	16
	220	1	4	7	27	29	30
	240	1	1½	-	47	49	-
	260	½	1	-	67	68	-
Shell (*960)	950	30	67	82	14	27	50
	1000	9	42	55	45	52	77
	1100	1½	10	19	145	145	160
Storehse (*183)	180	12	21	27	9	15	18
	200	5	12	17	23	26	29
	220	2	5½	12	40	40	43
Trafalgar (*311)	280	34	38	40	2	7	10
	300	16	22	28	4	14	18
	330	3	9	14	22	34	36
TSB (*104)	90	14	17	18	1	2	3
	100	5	8½	10	2	3½	5
	110	1	3½	5	8	9	10
Utd Bisc (*285)	260	27	36	41	1½	8	10
	280	12	23	30	7	15	18
Ultramar (*253)	215	43	56	64	3	12	22
	235	28	44	52	9	18	30
	255	17	32	41	16	28	40
Woolworth (*249)	260	3½	14	20	18	20	22
	280	1	7½	13	35	37	38
	300	1	3½	9	55	56	55
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*210)	200	23	32	37	10	15	20
	220	12	20	27	20	27	30
	240	6½	13	-	34	37	-
Barclays (*414)	360	63	-	-	3	-	-
	395	30	-	-	10	-	-
	429	14	-	-	27	-	-
Beecham (*460)	420	46	61	72	7	9½	16
	460	21	36	48	20	25	32
	500	7½	20	30	48	50	54
Boots (*214)	200	20	30	36	8	10	13
	220	8½	19	24	18	20	23
	240	4½	10	-	33	34	-
BTR (*293)	260	40	50	-	2½	4½	-
	280	23	34	35	6½	9	11½
	300	11	22	23	16	18	21
Blue Circ (*450)	390	70	84	-	3	6	-
	420	44	60	54	8	14	20
	460	19	34	40	24	28	38
	500	7	18	-	56	56	-
Dixons (*144)	160	5	13	18	19	22	23
	180	2½	8	-	38	39	-
	200	1	3	-	57	59	-

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Glaxo (*1066)	900	165	188	-	7	13	-
	950	117	148	-	15	25	-
	1000	77	115	-	25	40	-
	1100	28	62	-	80	90	-
Hanson (*145)	130	17½	18½	-	1¾	3	-
	140	9½	12	14½	4½	6	6½
	160	1¾	4	5½	17½	18½	18½
Hawker (*519)	460	67	80	-	4	8	-
	500	35	52	63	15	22	28
	550	17	28	37	43	47	55
Hillsdown (*263)	260	15	28	30	10	13	18
	280	7	15	21	21	23	27
	300	3	8	-	39	41	-
Lonrho (*333)	223	118	-	-	1	-	-
	240	102	-	-	2	-	-
	260	83	-	-	3	-	-
Midland (*415)	390	37	47	-	7	15	-
	420	20	28	35	17	27	33
	460	6	11	17	50	55	58
Sears (*131)	120	17	23	28	6	8	10
	130	12	18	21	10	13	15½
	140	7½	13	17	16	19	22
Tesco (*133)	140	5	11	13	12	13	17
	160	2	5	-	29	30	-
	180	1	2	-	49	50	-
Thorn EMI (*635)	600	57	70	87	10	20	24
	650	23	40	53	32	40	47
	700	11	23	-	68	75	-
THF (*267)	220	54	60	-	3	8½	-
	240	38	45	52	7	14	17
	260	25½	33	42	13	23	27
Unilever (*452)	420	42	54	63	6½	10	16
	460	15	30	39	22	27	32
	500	4½	14	23	54	55	58
Wellcome (*505)	460	60	78	92	6½	11	15
	500	33	52	65	19	26	30
	550	12	30	42	53	56	58
	Series	Nov	Jan	-	Nov	Jan	-
RHM (*378)	380	35	40	-	15	20	-
	390	18	25	-	27	33	-
	420	7	17	-	50	57	-
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*271)	265	13	-	-	7	-	-
	280	7	14	21	15	19	21
	300	3	7	14	33	34	36
Brit Aero (*469)	420	58	75	85	3	7½	17
	460	27	47	59	12	20	32
	500	9	26	37	35	42	53
	550	1½	10	18	83	86	88
BAT Ind (*435)	390	53	65	71	2	5	11
	420	26	43	50	9	15	20
	460	9	22	27	31	34	42
Brit Tele (*242)	220	27	33	36	2	4	7
	240	11	16	23	7	12	14
	260	3	7½	14	19	23	26
Cadbury (*371)	330	47	65	72	5	14	18
	360	31	45	52	16	25	30
	390	16	32	38	32	43	47
	420	8	20	27	57	62	67
Guinness (*323)	280	46	58	-	2	3	-
	300	30	40	46	3	7	11
	330	9	22	28	15	18	24
	360	2	10	13	40	42	44
Ladbroke (*446)	390	58	65	-	2	7	-
	420	33	42	50	9	15	17
	460	11	22	28	30	35	38
LASMO (*554)	500	73	97	108	14	30	37
	550	42	65	79	32	43	57
	600	22	44	56	60	75	85
Pilkington (*211)	180	34	37	41	2	3	5
	200	17	22	27	5	8	10
	220	6	10	17	14	18	20
	240	1½	5	9	32	33	34
Plessey (*155)	140	18	22	28	2	8	7
	160	6½	10½	17	11	14	16
	180	2	5½	9	28	29	31
P & O (*559)	500	67	82	92	4	7	12
	550	27	47	55	12	20	30
	600	8	23	30	47	50	60
Prudential (*156)	160	5	10	14	7	10	12
	170	1½	-	-	16	-	-
	180	1	4	8	26	28	28
Racal (*295)	280	28	38	47	8	15	19
	300	17	28	35	19	27	30
	330	7	18	24	37	48	48
RTZ (*444)	390	60	72	82	4	10	12
	420	37	52	62	10	20	25
	460	14	33	43	30	37	44
Vaal Reefs (*$64)	60	6½	10	13	3	6½	10
	70	2	5	8	9	13	17
	80	1	3	4½	19	22	24
Tr 12% 1995 (*108)	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	½	1¹⁄₁₆	-
	108	¼	1⅛	-	[illegible]	[illegible]	-
	110	¼	½	-	2	2½	-
	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	4	3⅞	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1807)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1700	122	128	130	138	7	15	23	33
1750	80	88	92	103	15	27	37	48
1800	40	53	60	73	30	43	53	73
1850	15	32	38	50	60	73	85	95
1900	5½	16	22	32	98	105	120	125
1950	3	6	11	20	147	148	158	162
2000	1	2	—	—	200	200	—	—

October 4, 1988 Total: 43016 Calls 25129 Puts 17887 FT-SE: Calls 1383 Puts 5008
*Underlying security price.

Revitalized Tyzack soars to £2.71m after cost-cutting

By Michael Tate

Former chicken farmer Mr *Bill Eastwood's revitalization* of a substantial chunk of the Sheffield engineering industry is paying dividends, with his WA Tyzack group turning in record *pretax* profits of £2.71 million for the year to end-July, against £540,000 last time.

The dividend is doubled, from 2.25p to 4.5p, with a 3.5p a share final, on earnings up from 5.55p to 13.5p. The company reports record order books for the current year.

Mr Eastwood ended a hundred years of *family* feuding when Tyzack swallowed the neighbouring Tyzack Sons & Turner in March, and some of the benefits of the ensuing cost-cutting are now showing through.

Both groups made blast *cleaning equipment*, components for heavy vehicles, rotary mower blades and machine knives. Mr Eastwood wielded his own knife, and closing down the Tyzack Turner factory, moving production under one roof and cutting back the workforce by a fifth.

Productivity has surged, with three shifts now where there was one before, and Tyzack has more than doubled its turnover, from £10.7 million to £26.9 million, half of it overseas.

The group now has 20 per cent of Europe's blast cleaning market, and is a world leader *in the production of many of* its components.

Components and blast equipment contributed £1.5 million each to trading profits, but the area of business that excites Mr Eastwood most at the moment is the company's *third arm, the manufacture of* filters for everything from oil to Perrier water. The division produced only 7 per cent of group turnover, but has tremendous growth potential, he says.

Mr Eastwood, who sees no incompatibility in a switch *from chicken production* to blast cleaning — "It's all business, really, and the key is efficiency" — plans more acquisitions this year. And, with gearing down below 10 per cent after pulling in some £4 million through disposals, he has the resources.

He is also hopeful of a good profit on the sale of the Tyzack *Turner factory, where there is* development potential.

The Kuwaitis remain the biggest single shareholder in Tyzack, with an 18 per cent stake, while Mr Eastwood and his associates, who first moved in in August last year *with a near-30 per cent stake,* have now been diluted to around 10 per cent.

CH Industrials in £2.1m deal for Windeck

CH Industrials, the chemical, specialist engineering and property development company, is buying Windeck Paints, a Yorkshire paint and coatings manufacturer for a *maximum of* £2.1 million.

The deal comes a day after CH sold its loss-making Calnay subsidiary to Scott & Robertson for £2 million cash and shares.

Windeck made pre-tax profits of £146,000 on sales of £7.4 million in the year to June 30.

Meggitt sale

Meggitt Holdings is completing its withdrawal from Africa by selling its Bestobell Zimbabwe subsidiary to the Zimbabwe government.

Oakwood cut

Oakwood Group is to close its contract knitwear operation, Harold Ingram Knitwear, in Leicester with the loss of 200 *jobs to* concentrate on Cox Moore and other premium price higher-margin knitwear.

Domino price plunges over problems in US

By Lawrence Lever

More than 20 per cent was wiped off the stock market capitalization of Domino Printing, the ink jet printing specialist, yesterday as the company unveiled further problems with Domino Amjet Inc, its US subsidiary.

The announcement that Domino Amjet's sales "continue to be below expectations" and are, therefore, expected to make "only a modest contribution to overall profits" of the group in the current year, sent Domino's *shares plunging 65p from* 290p to 225p. They then recovered, fell back, recovered again and fell back to 227p.

Domino's US subsidiary, acquired for £23 million in 1987, manufactures and markets *Domino's ink jet* products in the US. Manufacturing problems have hit sales.

In the six months to May 5, the overall Domino group *made profits of £2.27 million* on sales of £15.08 million.

Domino Amjet contributed sales of £4.88 million but profits of just above $300,000 *(£160,814).*

LIT in £11m purchase

LIT Holdings is paying £11 million in cash for a 24.5 per cent stake in Levitt Group, a financial services company specializing in pensions, insurance consultancy, insurance broking, investment advice and mortgage broking.

It has an option to increase the holding in a year to 33.3 per cent, for a further cash payment of £4.5 million. Mr Roger Levitt, who founded Levitt in 1976, and remains the principal shareholder, will join the LIT board.

Dow slips in early dealings

New York (Reuter) — Shares were lower in early trading yesterday but selling was light. The Dow Jones industrial *average fell three points to* 2,102.26. Brokers said that interest in GrandMet's $60-a-share offer for Pillsbury was offset by softness in bonds and concern that the unemployment figures, which will be released on Friday, will threaten a tighter monetary policy by the Federal Reserve.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 7.65 lower at 2,105.26.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index slipped 44.51 points, or 0.16 per cent, to 27,501.02. It fell 154.60 on Monday. Prices ended easier but near their highs in a day partly paralysed by a wait-and-see mood.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries Index dipped 18.2 points to 1,524.3 at the close of floor trading. The gold marker *slumped* 22.4 to 1,565.8, the All-Industrials Index 20.0 to 2,531.2 and the All-Resources 15.9 to 770.6. Stocks closed sharply weaker *in thin trade.*

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell 13.31 to 2,415.76 while the broader-based Hong Kong index eased 9.64 to 1,589.01. Turnover was slightly higher at HK$349.71 million (£26.38 million) against Monday's HK$297.45 million. Shares closed lower but above the day's low after another sluggish day's trading.

WALL STREET

	Oct 3	Sep 30		Oct 3	Sep 30		Oct 3	Sep 30
AMR Cp	48⅜	47⅞	Fedders	9⅝	9⅝	Pennzoil	72⅝	73⅝
ASA	37⅞	37⅜	Fst Chicago	34	33⅝	Pepsico	39	39⅝
Aetna Life	51½	50⅞	Fst Int Bncp	50	50⅝	Pfizer	54⅝	54⅝
Allied Signal	34⅜	33⅝	Fst Penn C	12⅝	12⅝	Phelps Dod	41⅝	41⅝
Allis Chlm	⁹⁄₁₆	½	*FT Wachvr*	39⅝	39⅝	*Philip Mor*	97	96⅝
Alcoa	52⅞	52⅞	Ford Motor	51⅞	51⅞	Philip Ptrl	18⅝	18⅝
Amax Inc	20⅝	20⅝	GAF Cp	48⅝	49	Pillsbury	39⅝	37⅝
AMR Hess	26⅝	26⅝	GTE Cp	43⅝	43⅝	Polaroid	39⅝	39⅝
Am Brands	53⅝	52⅞	*Gen Cp*	*20⅝*	20	Primerica	28⅝	29
Am Cynmd	47⅝	48⅝	Gn Dynam	50⅝	50⅝	Proct Gble	79⅝	80
Am Ele Pwr	27⅞	27⅝	Gen Electric	43⅝	43⅝	Pub SE Gr	24⅝	24⅝
Amexs	28	28	Gen Inst	27⅝	27⅝	*R Nabisco*	55⅝	55
Am Family	13½	13¼	Gen Mills	51½	51½	Raytheon	71⅝	71½
Am Home	80⅝	79⅞	Gen Motors	75⅝	76	Rynlds Metl	51⅝	51⅝
Am Int Grp	66⅞	66⅝	Gen Pub Ut	35⅝	35⅝	Rockwell Int	22⅝	22⅝
Am Telph	28	26⅞	Genesco	5⅝	5⅝	Royal Dutch	105⅝	105⅝
Amoco Cp	73⅝	73⅝	Georgia Pac	35⅝	36	SFE Sopac	20	19⅝
Anheuser B	32⅝	33⅝	Gillette	34¼	34⅝	Sara Lee	42⅝	43⅝
Arch Dan	19⅝	19⅞	Goodrich	54⅝	55⅝	Schlumb	33⅝	33⅝
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝	Goodyear	57⅝	58	Scott Paper	36⅝	35⅝
Asarco Inc	24⅝	23⅞	Gould Inc	23⅝	23⅝	Seagram	55⅝	55⅝
Ashland Oil	32⅝	33⅝	Grace Co	25⅝	25	Sears Roeb	38⅝	38⅝
Atl Richfld	77	77⅝	Grt Atl Pac	44⅝	44⅝	Sec Pac	39	38⅝
Avon Prod	24⅝	24⅝	Greyhnd	33⅝	34	Shell Trans	65⅝	66
Bk Boston	26⅝	26⅝	Grumman	21½	21⅝	*Smith Beck*	45	45⅝
Bank NY	34⅝	35⅝	Gulf Westn	39⅝	39⅝	Sony Cp	47⅝	49
Bankamer	16⅝	16⅝	Heinz	45⅝	45	SW Bell	40⅝	40⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	39	38⅝	Hercules	45⅝	45⅝	Squibb	64⅝	64⅝
Baxter	17⅞	17⅝	Hewlett Pk	49⅝	49⅝	*Sun Comp*	57	57⅝
Beth Steel	20⅛	20⅝	Honeywell	63⅝	63⅝	TDK	65⅝	n.a
Boeing	63⅝	64⅝	IC Ind	35⅝	36⅝	TRW Inc	46	44⅝
Boise Casc	44	44⅝	ITT Cp	50	49⅝	Teledyne	330⅝	330⅝
Borden	54⅝	54⅝	INCO	29	27⅝	*Tenneco*	48⅝	48⅝
Bristl Meyr	44	44⅝	Ing Rand Wl	35⅝	35⅝	Texaco	45	45⅝
BP	49⅝	49⅝	Inland Steel	37⅝	37⅝	Tex Eastn	25⅝	25⅝
Brunswick	19⅝	19⅝	IBM	114⅝	115⅝	Texas Inst	40⅝	41⅝
Burl Nth	70⅝	71	Int Paper	45⅝	44⅝	*Tex Util*	27⅝	27⅝
CBS	171½	172⅝	Irving Bk	68⅝	67⅝	Textron	25⅝	26
Cns Engy	22⅝	23	Jhsn & Jhsn	86⅝	85⅝	Travelers	35⅝	35⅝
CPC Int	50⅝	50⅝	K Mart	38⅝	38	UAL Cp	96⅝	95⅝
CSX Cp	30⅝	30⅝	Kaisertech	18⅝	18⅝	*USG Cp*	7⅝	7⅝
Camp Soup	30	29⅝	Kerr McGee	36⅝	36⅝	USX Cp	27⅝	28⅝
Can Pacific	17⅝	17⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	57⅝	57⅝	Unilever Plc	31⅝	31⅝
Caterpillar	58⅞	57⅝	Kraft	59⅝	58⅝	Un Carbide	28⅝	28⅝
Centrl SW	31⅞	31⅞	Kroger	56	56⅝	*Un Pac Cp*	58⅝	59⅝
Champion	33⅝	33⅝	LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝	Unisys Co	32⅝	32⅝
Chase Man	29⅝	30⅝	Litton	73	74⅝	Unit Brand	17⅝	17⅝
Chem Bank	30⅝	32	Lockheed	40⅝	40⅝	Us West	58⅝	58⅝
Chevron	43⅝	43⅝	Lone Star	32⅝	31⅝	*Utd Tech*	40	39⅝
Chrysler	24⅝	23⅝	Man H'nvar	28⅝	28⅝	Unocal	34⅝	35⅝
Citicorp	26⅝	26⅝	Manville	1⅝	2	Warn Lamb	73⅝	75
Clark Eq	28⅝	28⅝	Mapco	54⅝	54⅝	Wells Far	67	67⅝
Coca Cola	43⅝	43⅝	*Marriott*	30⅝	31⅝	Westg El	52⅝	52⅝
Colgate	44⅝	44⅞	Mt Marietta	42⅝	42⅝	Weyerhr	24	24⅝
Columb Gas	34⅝	33⅝	Masco Cp	26⅝	26⅝	Whirlpool	26	25
Cmb'tn Eng	30⅝	30⅝	Mcdonalds	47⅝	47⅝	Woolworth	56⅝	56⅝
Cmwlth Edi	30⅝	30⅝	*McDonnell*	70⅝	69⅝	Xerox Cp	57⅝	57⅝
Cons Edis	44⅝	44⅝	Mead Cp	42⅝	43⅝	Zenith	20⅝	20⅝
Consol Ng	38⅝	38⅝	Merck	57⅝	57⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Cont Data	21⅝	23	Minsta Mng	64⅝	64⅝	Agnico Eag	13⅝	13⅝
Corning Gl	60⅝	60⅝	*Mobil*	42⅝	42⅝	Alcan Alum	35⅝	35⅝
Crane	31⅝	31⅝	Monsanto	77⅝	77⅝	*Algoma Stl*	26.00	26
Curtiss W	49⅞	49⅝	Montedison	13⅝	13⅝	Can Pacific	21½	21⅝
Data Genl	19	19⅝	Morgan Jp	37⅝	37⅝	Cominco	19⅝	19⅝
Deere Co	45⅝	44⅝	Motorola	41⅝	43⅝	Con Bathrst	14⅝	14⅝
Delta Airl	50⅝	49⅝	NCR	58⅝	59	*Hawk S Can*	21⅝	21⅝
Detroit Edi	14⅝	14⅝	NL Indstrs	5⅝	5⅝	Hud Bay M	18⅝	18⅝
Digital Eq	92⅝	93⅝	Nat Md Ent	22	21⅝	Imasco	26	26
Disney	64⅝	64⅝	Nat Semi	8⅝	8⅝	Imperial Oil	50	50
Dow Chem	87⅝	87	Norfolk Sth	29⅝	29⅝	*Inco*	33⅝	33⅝
Dresser Ind	28⅝	28⅝	NW Bancrp	33⅝	33⅝	Royl Trstco	16⅝	16⅝
Dupont	81½	81⅝	Occid Pet	25⅝	25⅝	Seagram	87⅝	87⅝
Duke Pwr	45⅝	45⅝	Ogden Cp	29⅝	29⅝	Shelco 'A'	41	22⅝
East Kodak	45⅝	45⅝	Olin Cp	45⅝	45⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	28⅝	28⅝
Eaton Cp	52⅝	52⅝	PPG Ind	43⅝	43⅝	Varity Cp	3.35	3.35
Emerson El	30	30	Pac Enterp	45⅝	45⅝	WCT	16⅝	16⅝
Emery Air	5⅝	5⅝	Pac Gas El	17	17⅝	Weston	33⅝	33⅝
Exxon	44⅝	44⅝	Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝			
Farah Inc	11⅝	11	Penney JC	50⅝	50⅝			

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.9	118.6●	..	8.43
Hi Inc Equity	116.8	124.2●	-1.1	4.79
Worldwide Bd	191.2	202.7	+0.6	4.79
American Gth	154.9	164.7	-1.6	0.96
Asian Pacific	67.38	72.05	-0.85	1.50
Assets & Earns	140.2	149.1	-0.9	1.22
Capital Res	81.22	81.57	+0.09	3.68
Comm Energy	87.53	93.52●	-0.96	0.00
Euro Capital	72.77	77.83	+0.23	0.96
General	158.3	168.4	-2.2	2.87
Japan	87.97	94.09●	+0.10	0.00
UK Gth Inc	121.4	129.1●	-0.5	1.77
Do Acc	181.0	182.5●	-0.8	1.18
US Emerg Co	45.44	48.34●	-0.59	0.00
Income Gth	260.0	278.5	-3.7	3.44
Master Acc	72.86	77.50	-0.41	2.10
American Inc	45.13	48.01	+0.32	5.71
Ethical Tst	43.49	46.26	-0.21	2.70

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	41.65	44.31	-0.42	2.03
Australian	22.50	23.94●	-0.52	1.44
Euro Tst	45.79	48.54	+1.05	0.00
Extra Inc	37.61	39.92●	-0.24	5.20
Fund Invest	96.89	102.9●	-0.89	1.00
Do Acc	148.8	158.0●	-1.0	1.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.54	23.98●	-0.02	9.95
Global Income	35.03	37.27●	-0.03	5.18
Income Growth	64.33	68.43	-0.87	4.38
Japan Gen	160.5	170.8	+0.4	0.01
N Amer Inc	25.97	27.56●	-0.13	3.87
Special Sits	62.05	66.04	+1.35	1.32
UK Growth	31.10	33.01●	-0.93	2.80
World Gth	38.96	41.38	-0.25	1.16

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	112.9	121.0●	+0.5	1.00
Exempt	391.3	411.8●	-1.0	4.65
Far Eastern	212.2	226.5●	+0.1	0.00
Fin & Prop	77.65	82.26	-0.42	2.57
Hi Yield	78.01	82.63e	-0.08	4.60
Income & Gth	307.1	325.3●	-0.4	4.29

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	42.45	45.40s	-0.37	4.58
Far East	27.48	29.37s	+0.05	0.21
Nth American	27.41	29.27s	-0.08	0.71
Global	43.00	45.75●	-0.28	0.75
European	41.41	44.14●	-0.05	1.21
Japan	84.00	89.53●	+0.65	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.53	51.91	-0.42	1.44
Do Acc	45.48	49.23	..	3.18
Intl Currency	44.62	46.88●	-0.14	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 582 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-929 6363

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	393.2	419.8●	-9.5	3.23
European S S	50.45	53.83	+0.25	3.02
Far East S S	50.31	53.68	-1.03	0.97
Gold Gen S S	53.43	57.02	-0.12	0.89
Income	336.5	356.1●	-15.4	6.45
Intl Sp Sits	48.82	52.10	-0.83	1.97
Nth Amer	244.5	260.8	-2.7	2.18

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	443.45		..	5.00
Fixed Int	140.3		..	10.19
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.72	●	..	5.29
Acc	£13.2368		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	11.30

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-600 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Reserve	23.05	24.20●	..	..
SC Special Sits	67.16	71.02	..	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	19.72	20.98	+0.09	0.64
Atlas Gth	22.04	23.45	+0.02	0.63
Dragon Gth	23.59	25.10	-0.22	1.79
Equity Hi Inc	56.04	59.14●	-0.20	5.30
Do Acc	57.44	60.62●	+0.37	5.20

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilts & Fxd Acc	112.7	118.4●	..	8.97
Do Inc	81.00	85.14●	..	9.01
N Amer Acc	117.2	124.7e	..	0.13
Far East Acc	205.2	218.3c	..	0.08
Euro Tst Acc	140.4	149.4●	..	0.16
Gen Tst	253.7	269.9●	..	3.92
Brit Excel	38.51	42.04	..	3.14
Br Fdelity Inc	48.43	51.53●	..	6.33
Do Acc	50.03	53.23●	..	6.33

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	65.78	70.35●	-0.49	0.93
UK Inc Fd	87.82	93.71●	-0.66	4.65
Far East Fd	84.16	90.00●	-0.44	0.00
Overseas Inc	63.04	67.40	-0.13	4.24
Fxd Interest	53.64	56.74	-0.03	8.82
Natural Res Fd	55.55	58.41	-0.31	2.09
European Inc	64.38	68.73	+0.04	2.12
Financials Fd	45.61	48.78	-0.16	2.42
Intl Tech Fd	96.7	103.4●	+2.8	0.76
UK Gth	65.78	70.59	-0.73	2.27
US Major	47.27	50.38	-0.12	0.67

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	65.74	69.93●	-0.12	1.20
Do Inc	63.64	67.70●	-0.11	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	29.39	31.27●	-0.03	4.80
Do Inc	26.74	28.44●	-0.02	4.80
Inc Gth Acc	56.12	59.70	-0.09	3.50
Do Inc	48.09	51.16	-0.07	3.50
Smlr Co Acc	67.19	71.48	+0.29	0.70
Do Inc	65.61	69.79	+0.24	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	23.74	25.25	-0.14	1.20
Do Inc	23.48	24.98	-0.15	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	16.52	17.57●	+0.03	2.00
Do Inc	16.34	17.38●	+0.03	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	105.5	112.8	-0.6	0.92
Amer Eqty Inc	28.06	29.80	-0.16	5.44
Amer Spec Sit	52.50	55.56	-0.41	0.77
Australia	25.36	26.98	-0.48	1.51
European	59.58	63.62a	+0.20	..
European Inc	21.19	22.59	+0.04	4.28
Global Conv	21.51	23.01●	..	5.70

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International Tsts				
Commod Shre	58.40	62.45	-0.29	1.37
Frontier Mktg	25.12	26.73	-0.06	1.01
Global	154.7	165.0	-1.40	0.76
Do Dist	148.7	156.5	-1.33	0.76
Glob Inc/Gth	69.15	73.65●	-2.17	3.11
Gold Share	13.9	14.9	-0.2	2.14
Intl Sel Opps	108.9	116.5	-0.06	0.98
Oil & Energy	46.35	49.57	-1.26	2.09
W'wide Recov	88.57	94.72	-0.16	0.73
Overseas Tsts				
American	67.71	72.24	-0.46	1.24
Amer Sel Opp	27.84	29.60●	-0.16	0.33
Australian	14.11	15.02	-0.05	0.83
European	46.87	49.86	-0.06	1.14
Euro Sel Opp	59.06	62.84	-0.31	0.89
Far East	124.5	132.4●	-1.40	0.15
Hedged Amer	32.47	34.49	-0.06	0.50
Hong Kong	30.52	32.01	-0.54	1.88
Japan	127.7	135.8	-1.14	0.00
Japan S/Opp	68.42	72.76	-0.34	0.00
Pacific Gth	48.89	52.32	-0.67	1.03

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	89.27	94.96	-0.62	1.10
American Gth	67.53	68.45	-0.49	0.73
American Inc	62.55	66.35●	-0.20	4.36
European Gth	47.12	50.12●	-0.05	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	45.21	48.09	-0.35	0.71
Japan Gth	64.12	68.21●	-0.06	..
Pacific Inc	84.73	90.14	-0.06	3.39
Pacific Strat	44.29	47.11	+0.05	0.41
UK Prog Inc	69.55	73.98	-0.87	5.02
UK Spec Opps	146.6	156.0	-1.05	1.35
Gt Britain	37.54	39.93	-0.55	3.46
UK Sml Co	36.20	38.51a	-0.16	1.52

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	113.6	118.0	..	9.45
Gth Equity	243.5	257.5	-1.8	2.79
Guardhill	317.8	320.3	-2.1	3.32
Income Tst	97.06	102.7	-0.78	4.80
Intl Tst	110.5	117.2●	+0.3	0.37
N American	127.2	134.5	-0.5	1.51
Pacific	265.1	278.4	+0.5	0.00
Prop Share	352.5	372.9	-2.9	2.04
Smaller Co	285.4	302.0	-0.7	1.81

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Finance/Prop	80.02	85.58●	-0.48	2.89
Fixed & Conv	47.74	51.06	-0.19	7.11
Do Acc	90.25	96.53	-0.35	0.00
Equity Income	100.9	107.9	-0.77	4.14
Do Acc	250.4	267.8	-1.91	0.00
High Yield Inc	106.1	113.5●	-0.50	4.70
Do Acc	310.9	332.6●	-1.46	0.00
Intl Income	79.33	84.84	-0.78	1.45
Do Acc	83.01	88.78	-0.81	0.00
Do 5% Wdrwl	72.9	78.3	..	1.34
Preference Inc	47.18	51.01●	-0.73	7.28
Do Acc	172.4	186.4●	-2.67	0.00
Smaller Co	72.49	77.53	-0.78	1.88
Do Acc	79.91	85.47	-0.82	0.90

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General Ut Inc	173.4	184.3	-2.96	3.40
Do Acc	300.3	319.4	-5.00	3.40
Gilt & Fixed	47.63	49.26	-0.02	8.95
Do Acc	71.91	74.37	-0.03	8.95
Income	258.9	275.4	-2.90	5.08
Do Acc	432.8	460.4	-4.86	5.08
International	317.8	338.9c	-0.77	1.04
Do Acc	399.5	425.4c	-0.97	1.04
Pacific	199.5	212.2	-0.88	0.33
Do Acc	207.4	220.6	-1.03	0.33
Nat Resources	59.48	63.29	-0.46	1.44
Do Acc	63.01	67.03●	-0.48	1.44
Selected Opps	76.97	81.89●	-1.91	2.44
Do Acc	87.84	93.45●	-2.18	2.44

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth	83.68	89.02●	-0.48	1.47
Prop Share	48.34	51.53	-0.14	1.00
Smaller Cos	59.48	63.29●	-0.33	1.42
European	50.79	54.03	-0.07	3.19
Far Eastern	49.98	53.17	-0.50	0.83

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

114	63	ASB Bmwll	75	80	-2	..	..	..
44	15	Amercom	15	20	+1	..	..	..
85	56	Andaman Res	54	57	-2	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	87	92	..	2.3	2.6	28.5
230	132	Broadcast	192	200	-2	..	..	23.1
145	105	Chelsea Art	105	115	..	1.3	1.2	13.1
82	26	Chemor Sol	44	49	r +1	..	..	..
105	65	Conrac	90	100	..	3.3	3.5	16.7
160	120	Crown Eye	140	150	..	..	..	16.7
16	7	Eglinton	6	7½	-½	..	..	..
143	77	Far E Res	83	93	-4	..	..	..
90	76	Hickies	80	85	-2	..	..	13.8
41	20	Honorbid	25	28	r -1	..	..	26.7
56	41	Kemp (PE)	43	46	..	2.0	4.3	8.5
68	58	LBW	62	67	+2	..	..	13.8
103	65	Lambeg Lsr	96	101	+1	1.7	1.7	20.4
65	13	Lynx Tech	11	16	r -2	..	..	4.3
147	89	Medisco	105	111	-1	..	..	..
36	13½	Norton Gp	13	15	+½	..	..	..
50	42	Pennine Optical	41	44	..	..	..	11.6
31	13	Pub Hldgs	17	20	+1	..	..	..
63	60	Restaurateur	60	62	..	..	..	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	210	220	●+3	6.4	3.0	13.3
115	58	Seacon	93	96	●+1	1.3	1.4	..
295	200	Tajore	265	280	..	1.3	0.5	37.9
135	110	UPL	105	115	..	3.8	3.5	14.7
182	120	Unit Group	145	155	-5	6.7	4.5	8.5

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.8 (day's range 75.8-76.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 4

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6955-1.6995	1.6965-1.6985	0.55-0.51pr	1.41-1.36pr
Montrl	2.0499-2.0580	2.0499-2.0536	0.37-0.23pr	0.61-0.44pr
Amstrdm	3.5567-3.5647	3.5572-3.5610	2-1⅝pr	5⅜-5⅝pr
Brussels	65.97-66.30	66.01-66.21	33-21pr	83-67pr
Copnhgn	12.1142-12.1385	12.1262-12.1385	4⅜-3⅝pr	12⅝-11⅞pr
Dublin	1.1744-1.1806	1.1757-1.1767	54-48pr	146-133pr
Frankft	3.1528-3.1590	3.1528-3.1563	2-1⅞pr	5⅝-5⅜pr
Lisbon	259.52-261.04	259.58-260.56	8-49ds	70-166ds
Madrid	208.55-209.29	208.55-209.01	26-13pr	20-2pr
Milan	2349.96-2356.78	2350.37-2353.47	5-1pr	7-2pr
Oslo	11.6556-11.6977	11.6566-11.6885	⅝-1⅛pr	3⅝-4⅛pr
Paris	10.7359-10.7697	10.7410-10.7524	4⅛-3⅝pr	10⅝-10⅜pr
Stckhlm	10.8198-10.8462	10.8198-10.8296	1⅝-1⅛pr	4-3⅝pr
Tokyo	225.76-226.48	225.76-226.05	1⅝-1⅜pr	4-3⅝pr
Vienna	22.17-22.24	22.17-22.20	12⅝-12pr	34⅝-31⅞pr
Zurich	2.6755-2.6802	2.6763-2.6796	2⅛-1⅞pr	5⅜-5⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	25.0337-25.1844
Australia dollar	2.1528-2.1569
Bahrain dinar	0.6390-0.6430
Brazil cruzado *	620.13-623.47
Cyprus pound	0.8150-0.8250
Finland marka	7.4175-7.4575
Greece drachma	256.0-258.0
Hong Kong dollar	13.2591-13.2687
India rupee	24.62-24.82
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4885-0.4925
Malaysia ringgit	4.5442-4.5486
Mexico peso	3815-3915
New Zealand dollar	2.7637-2.7698
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3550-6.3950
Singapore dollar	3.4578-3.4616
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7108-6.8506
S Africa rand (com)	4.2242-4.2319
U A E dirham	6.2225-6.2625

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4415-1.4430	Denmark	7.1490-7.1550	Italy	1384.5-1385.5
Singapore	2.0370-2.0380	W Germany	1.8575-1.8582	Belgium (Com)	38.92-38.95
Malaysia	2.6770-2.6780	Switzerland	1.5770-1.5780	Hong Kong	7.8110-7.8120
Australia	1.2661-1.2677	Netherlands	2.0945-2.0955	Portugal	153.00-153.50
Canada	1.2090-1.2100	France	6.3260-6.3310	Spain	122.85-122.95
Sweden	6.3780-6.3820	Japan	133.13-133.23	Austria	13.06-13.07
Norway	6.6710-6.6760				

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12 Low 6 Week fixed: 11⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 11¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 11¹¹⁄₁₆
Selling: 2 mth – 11⅝ 3 mth – 11⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝
2 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 3 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 6 mth 11⁹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆
2 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 11⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12⅛ close 12
1 week: 12-15¹⁵⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 12-11⅞ 3 mth: 12-11⅞
6 mth: 12-11⅞ 9 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11⅞ 12 mth: 11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11⅞
3 mth: 11⅞ 6 mth: 11⅞ 12 mth: 11⅞
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 11⅞-11⅞ 2 mth: 12⅛-12⅛ 3 mth: 12⅛-12⅛
6 mth: 12⅛-12⅛ 9 mth: 12⅛-12⅛ 12 mth: 12⅛-12⅛
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11²⁷⁄₃₂-²⁵⁄₃₂
3 mth: 11³¹⁄₃₂-⅞ 6 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 12 mth 11⅞-11⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.20-8.15
3 mth: 8.45-8.40 6 mth: 8.56-8.50 12 mth 8.55-8.50

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1988. Agreed rates Sept 26, 1988 to Oct 25, 1988. Scheme I: 12.27 per cent. Schemes II & III: 12.72 per cent. Reference rate July 30, 1988 to August 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 11.364 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅛-7⅞	8⅛-8⅛	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 8-7				
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆
Call: 4⅜-3⅜				
French Franc:	7⅛-7⅛	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅞	8⅛-8
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	3⅛-3⅜	3⅛-3⅜	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3⅞-3⅞
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4⅜	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞
Call: 3⅜-2⅜				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $397.25-397.75 Close: $397.00-397.50
High: $398.25-398.75 Low: $396.25-396.75

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $408.00-411.00 (£240.00-243.00)
Krugerrand: $397.00-399.00 (£234.00-236.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $408.00-411.00 (£240.00-243.00)
American Eagles: $408.00-411.00 (£240.00-243.00)
New Sovereigns: $93.50-94.50 (£55.00-56.00)
Old Sovereigns: $93.50-94.50 (£55.00-56.00)
Platinum: $512.00 (£301.45)
Palladium: $119.40 (£70.30)
Silver: $6.21-6.23 (£3.660-3.675)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 41485		
Dec 88	88.20	88.22	88.09	88.11	17996
Mar 89	88.93	88.93	88.80	88.82	1430
Jun 89	89.16	89.16	89.06	89.06	313
Sep 89	89.21	89.21	89.16	89.18	52
Dec 89	89.21	89.21	89.16	89.19	35
Mar 90	89.30	89.30	89.21	89.20	12
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 28720		
Dec 88	91.25	91.25	91.20	91.22	1942
Mar 89	91.36	91.36	91.32	91.33	689
Jun 89	*91.23*	*91.24*	*91.19*	91.20	216
Sep 89	91.05	91.05	91.02	91.02	155
Dec 89	NT	—	—	90.85	0
Mar 90	90.88	90.88	90.88	90.87	50

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 9409		
Dec 88	88-31	88-31	88-19	88-24	5175
Mar 89	NT	—	—	88-06	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 22776		
Dec 88	95-16	95-27	95-13	95-21	16491
Mar 89	96-04	96-04	96-04	96-05	50
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 13303		
Dec 88	180.80	181.70	179.30	181.30	1640
Mar 89	NT	—	—	182.80	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 513		
Dec 88	102.70	102.70	102.55	102.59	308
Mar 89	NT	—	—	101.35	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude softened in the Far East and early European trade, but corrective short-covering of an oversold Marc, assisted by Opec related rumours, brought prices back up. Despite some recovery in the afternoon product prices were once again lower across the day.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	11.70	+20
15 day Oct	11.75	+25
15 day Nov	11.85	+15
WTI Nov	13.25	+10
WTI Dec	12.95	+10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-1	166-168	-1
Gasoil EEC	-3	*110-112*	-3
Non 1H Oct	-2	107-108	-2
Non 2H Nov	-1	108-109	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-2	49-51	-2
Naphtha	-4	118-120	-4

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Oct 88 Hi 1350-1339 Low Close 1348
Nov 88 Hi 1410-1400 Low Close 1409
Jan 89 Hi 1443-1430 Low Close 1435
Apr 89 Hi 1490-1479 Low Close 1480
Vol 320 lots Open Interest 2412
Dry cargo index 1277 up 2 on 3/10/88

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Oct 106.75-06.50
Nov 109.00-08.75
Dec 111.00-10.75
Jan 112.00-11.75
Feb 111.00-10.75
Mar 109.00-08.75
Apr 108.50-06.75
Vol 10536

BRENT G W Joynson
Nov 11.84-11.79
Dec 11.95-11.93
Vol 4686

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	58.0	56.5
Feb	68.5	68.8
Apr	93.7	93.5
May	103.3	103.9

Vol 222

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 734-733 Sep 810-808
Mar 757-758 Dec 855-850
May 774-773 Mar 880-870
Jun 790-789 Vol 5463

COFFEE G W Joynson
Nov 1192-1190 Jul 1185-1175
Jan 1180-1179 Sep 1185-1175
Mar 1174-1173 Nov 1200-1180
May 1171-1165 Vol 5060

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2015
Dec 215.6-13.0 Aug 207.4-06.8
Mar 211.8-11.6 Oct 206.0-05.2
May 209.6-09.0 Dec 205.0-99.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 453
Nv 107.10 Ja 110.40 Mr 113.40
My 116.15 Jn 117.75
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 108
Nv 105.30 Ja 108.45 Mr 110.45
My 112.30

SOYABEAN
Oct 182.0-75.0 Jun 178.0-75.0
Dec 183.5-82.0 Aug 175.5-71.5
Feb 188.5-86.5 Oct 175.5-71.5
Apr 188.5-86.5 Vol 14

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day **Rudolf Wolf**

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1450.0-1451.0	1470.0-1471.0	356950	Easier
Copper Stand	1510.0-1520.0	1450.0-1460.0	Nil	n/a
Lead	369.00-371.00	366.00-367.00	28225	Brly/Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde*	1350.0-1352.0	1275.0-1280.0	83825	Steady
Silver Large†	616.00-617.00	629.00-630.00	28	n/a
Silver Small†	616.00-617.00	629.00-630.00	Nil	n/a
Aluminium	1235.0-1240.0	1218.0-1220.0	112700	Quiet
Aluminium HI*	2155.0-2160.0	2115.0-2117.0	114225	Brly/Stdy
Nickel*	10650-10700	9700-9750	5504	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne).

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract		
Mth	Open	Close
Oct	93.8	93.9
Nov	95.5	96.5
Feb	95.0	95.0
Apr	99.3	99.8
Live Cattle Contract		
Nov	ung	ung
Jan	118.0	118.0
Feb	118.0	118.0

Vol Pig-5 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 4

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	69.85	151.09	109.18
GB (+/–)	-0.72	*+9.46	-0.17
Eng/Wal (%)	-2.4	-6.6	-19.7
Eng/Wal (p)	69.75	150.76	107.63
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-0.83	+8.71	+0.30
Scotland (%)	-4.9	-2.8	-13.9
Scotland (p)	70.39	152.36	112.73
Scotland (+/–)	-0.13	+12.48	-1.57

* Estimated dead carcase weight

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 3. Dealings end October 14. §Contango day October 17. Settlement day October 24.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Waterglade	Property	
2	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
3	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
4	Magnet (aa)	Building,Roads	
5	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
6	Hammerson	Property	
7	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
8	Erith	Building,Roads	
9	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
10	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
11	LWT Hldgs	Leisure	
12	MB Group (aa)	Industrials L-R	
13	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
14	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
15	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
16	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
17	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
18	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Aerospace Eng	Industrials A-D	
20	Booker	Foods	
21	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
22	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
23	Bensford (S&W) (aa)	Foods	
24	Eng China Clay (aa)	Industrials E-K	
25	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
26	Beale (John)	Textiles	
27	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
28	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
29	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Fenner (JH)	Industrials E-K	
31	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
32	Vosper Thornycroft	Industrials S-Z	
33	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
34	Harland Simon	Electricals	
35	Wellcome (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
36	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
37	Beazer PLC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
38	Virgin	Leisure	
39	MEPC (aa)	Property	
40	Speyhawk	Property	
41	Watmough	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Sock Shop	Drapery,Stores	
43	Bemrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
44	Storehouse (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	458	459	-8½	17.3	3.8	13.7
867	734	Bass (aa)	780	784	+1	26.9	3.4	11.7
66	44	Belhaven	53	55	●+½	1.0	1.9	21.1
175	127	Boddington	143	147	●-½	5.4	3.7	15.0
207	159	Buckleys	145	153	+2	4.3	2.9	46.8
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	165	173	-3	8.7	5.1	11.3
191	129	Burtonwood Brew	172	180	-1	4.2	2.4	21.7
380	332	Clark (Matthew)	383	393	● ..	14.7	3.8	10.5
371	292	Devenish (JA)	300	305	-8	4.0	1.3	28.7
247	178	Greenall Whitley	232	237	-8	8.3	3.5	13.4
494	433	Greene King	450	455	-3	9.9	2.2	20.1
357	271	Guinness (aa)	321	323	●+1	12.9	4.0	10.6
778	680	Hardys & Hansons	760	780	..	30.0	3.9	14.4
127	75	Highland Distl	118	122	+7	3.4	2.8	18.8
343	188	Invergordon Distl	338	345	●+30	8.3	2.4	20.7
440	125	Irish Distl	408	418	..			
167	170	Marston Thompson	149	153	-1	3.9	2.6	17.0
683	464	Morland	635	680	-2	10.9	1.7	25.2
308	255	SA Breweries	260	280				
384	208	Scot & New (aa)	341	342	+½	12.2	3.6	15.8
721	479	Vaux Group	670	680	-1	21.6b	3.2	20.8
317	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	293	295	-½	14.1	4.8	10.9
700	324	Do 'B'	600	700	..	14.1	2.2	24.2
411	286	Whitbread Inv	378	387	+1	12.3	3.2	40.7
434	251	Wolvrhmptn & D	403	418	..	8.2	2.0	17.3
530	345	Young 'A'	485	505	..	12.3	2.5	28.8

BUILDING, ROADS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE, LAND

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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FOODS

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HOTELS, CATERERS

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MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

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OILS, GAS

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
54	33	Boustead	42	44	●-½	0.9	2.1	19.6
153	117	[illegible]	130	137		9.3	6.9	10.5
120	76	Finlay (James)	117	121	+4	5.5	4.6	
676	548	Harrisns Crosfld (aa)	644	648	-4	34.7	5.4	18.1
238	155	Inchcape (aa)	205	210	+7½	9.8	4.7	12.4
360	162	Lonrho (aa)	332	335	●-1	15.8	4.7	15.5
71	45	Ocean Wilson	47	52	+1	3.3	6.6	9.3
355	305	Paterson Zoch	322	332		9.6	2.9	10.1
355	305	Do A	322	332		9.5	2.9	10.1
330	240	Polly Peck (aa)	316	320	-2			7.6
89	52	Sime Darby	75	80	●-4			
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	94	96	● ..	3.3	3.5	9.5

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

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SHOES, LEATHER

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TEXTILES

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TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
483	389	BAT (aa)	434	438	●-½	24.0	5.5	8.9
150	125	Carroll	132	142	..	..	..	..
450	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	440	440	+2½	13.3	3.0	9.6

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Let's leave it to the experts

OPINION

Libby Purves

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A small miracle happened the other week. A peak-time, popular info-tainment television programme was presented by a group of people whose only qualification to do so was that they knew what they were talking about.

Neither of the men was bluffing with mock authority from a briefing-sheet, and the woman was not wrinkling her pretty brow in puzzlement and lisping about how jolly complicated it all was. Demonstrating the equipment they talked about, all of them moved with assurance and calm authority. None of them was particularly pretty or charismatic, but all three knew their subject inside out, and got on with telling us about it. They were not once interrupted by a vapid professional rent-a-presenter, intervening to anchor them in the bland and unreal world of normal television.

It was, of course, an accident. Mike Smith had been booked to anchor the programme – from the Southampton Boat Show – and only his horrifying helicopter crash prevented him. Now, I wish no harm to Mike Smith, and consider him no worse or better a thing than most other roving professional TV presenters; but his absence did, most forcibly, make a point. The programme was left in the hands of two pundits, the yachting writers Malcolm McKeag and Alex McMullen, and a woman reporter called Caroline Hall, who appears to live for wind-surfing.

The producers no doubt feared that without a professional famous face their show would lack credibility; in fact, it gained it. It was a delight to hear McKeag talking about his subject with opinionated enthusiasm. He never once called anything "great" or "terrific", either. There may be a moral in this. With exceptions one could count on the fingers of one hand – cookery programmes, *Gardeners' Calendar*, David Bellamy, Patrick Moore – television is rarely presented by experts. A credo has grown up which says that experts are all very well, but that they need to be constantly put in their place by a professional Common Man, saying: "Hey, that's fascinating," or "So what you're really saying is . . ." Very rarely is the knowledgeable enthusiast allowed to talk directly to another of his kind, or to the real common man at home in his armchair. Why not?

This is all very subversive. Two professional jack-of-all-trades presenters have told me not to write it, or they'll be round to break my windows. One producer said that using *ad hoc* experts would treble his workload: he would actually have to produce, for a change, instead of relying on an old pro to ask the right bland questions. And, of course, there will always be a myriad of places where a touch of the quick-thinking professional will be indispensable to hold a programme together.

The trouble is that when occasionally producers find an expert so charismatic that he or she can be safely let loose without the smiling rent-a-presenter, something even worse happens – the expert is seduced by television into becoming a rent-a-presenter himself. So here is Alan Titchmarsh, the witty gardener, presenting the *Gloria Hunniford Show* on Radio 2; here is Keith Floyd let loose on mad, rambling travelogues; and Miriam Stoppard everywhere.

The weathermen, thank God, are civil servants, and refrain with dignity from turning up in their own late-night chat shows. You could not blame them if they did, though: television money is very hard to resist. Perhaps the answer is to pin it down to the same level as, for instance, a headmaster's salary or a prosperous GP's fees. Pigs might fly.

The author is a broadcaster and writer.

All right, so now make us eat it

British pet lovers are to get even more of that feline soft-sell, **Avril Connard** reports

JOHN MANNING

Making a meal of it: Britons spend £865 million on tinned food for their pets – as much as they do on tea or coffee

British television viewers, already bombarded with more pet food advertising than any other country in Europe, are facing even more of the feline soft-sell as a French manufacturer prepares to break into one of the most lucrative areas of the food industry.

Continental Canners of Boulogne, the fourth largest pet food manufacturer in Europe, where its two main brands are Hurrah and Safari, has spent substantial sums on trials to find a winning recipe for a new preservative-free cat food to be launched in Britain in the next few months.

In Britain, the pet food market is huge – one in two homes has either a cat or a dog. The tinned pet food market, which caters for 13 million cats and dogs, is worth £865 million a year. That is as large as the market for tea or coffee and twice the size of the detergents and cosmetics markets.

But more than half of all prepared pet food sold in the UK is made by one company – Pedigree Pet Foods, part of the giant American Mars Corporation. One of Pedigree's brands, Whiskas, accounts for half the sales of all tinned cat food, and generates more sales than any other item on the supermarket shelves. Pedigree is way ahead of its nearest rival, Spillers, which has a 23 per cent market share, and Quaker, 5 per cent.

Pedigree's success is rooted in massive TV advertising; in the past year the company has spent more than £26 million – Spillers spent £5 million. The size of Pedigree's advertising budget means that it is offered first choice of the prime time spots by the 16 TV companies.

A Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the pet food industry in 1977 concluded that the two companies shared a monopoly but not one that acted against the public interest.

Stephen Colgrave, a former Pedigree account manager at the advertising agency Ted Bates, says: "The influence of television in this area is tremendous. The housewife who buys most pet food does not try it herself so she is influenced about the quality of the product by the TV ads that she watches. Pedigree has been very successful at using well-worn formulas to play on the emotions of pet owners. For instance, many pet owners use food as a reward for the guilt at leaving their animals at home all day.

"Spillers and Pedigree have built up an enormous awareness since the 1950s, when TV air time was much cheaper. Pedigree created 'top breeders' to endorse their products. There was no such class of people before the company invented them. For someone to come into the market and replicate this they would have to spend £100 million."

Continental knows it will have to fight its battle for Britain's cats on television. David Bliss, managing director of Continental's UK operation, says: "We are aware how high the cost of entry into the market is and this is why we cannot afford to take risks . . . There is no room in the market for 'me toos'. And whatever you do in the pet food market you will get some response from the big boys. The market is still growing but no one is going to watch their market share eroded. We would be happy if we could achieve just a 3 or 4 per cent share."

Continental has already had some success here with Tex dog food. British cats have presented more of a problem. French pet food, like French food for human consumption, is pinker.

During the past 18 months the company has had trials at its nutritional centre near Colchester, where 36 waifs and strays have been sampling the delights of Continental cat food cuisine.

"One might think that cats in France would want the same as cats in England," Bliss says. "But the cats in the UK have been used to different types of prepared cat food than their cousins in France.

"We are having to make certain adaptations so that the UK housewife is not shocked by what she sees. So we have a dual problem. First of all, is the cat happy? And then if the cat is happy, is the housewife happy?"

Naked truth bared

The controversy over the recent discredited stripteasing Italian housewife advertising campaign failed to point out just how misrepresentative it was of Italian television.

The campaign, designed to depict the perils of deregulation, was inaccurate because Italian TV was deregulated in 1976, not 1981-82; about 1,250 channels emerged, not 600; not only have few channels peddled pornography but a tacit agreement with the Vatican guarantees that within a 50km radius of St Peter's none has ever dared.

It is misleading because TVS failed to explain the difference between "national" and "local" channels, omitting that there are 10 national channels, of which only six are truly national.

The remaining four and the 1,240-odd locals, with their shoestring budgets, hardly pose a threat to the big six; they muster a combined audience of 12.82 per cent.

Deregulation signalled a vast qualitative improvement to official Italian channels. Faced with formidable competition from the three-channel Fininvest network (Italia 1, Rete 4, Canale 5), built up by Milanese entrepreneur Silvio Berlusconi between 1982-84, the three-channel state monopoly RAI had to offer a better service.

Fininvest has the advantage of a highly professional skeleton work-force, while personnel-bloated RAI has the licence fee (both have advertising), better facilities and the sole right to live broadcasts. RAI now thinks on its feet by making *le dirette* (live coverage) and in-house quality productions its forté.

As the figures show, its strategy has paid off. Most Italian viewers have tired of Berlusconi's diet of wall-to-wall soaps and quiz games, now obliging him to opt for quality in order to survive: RAI 1, 2 and 3 have 47.89 per cent, the three Fininvest channels 39.89 per cent.

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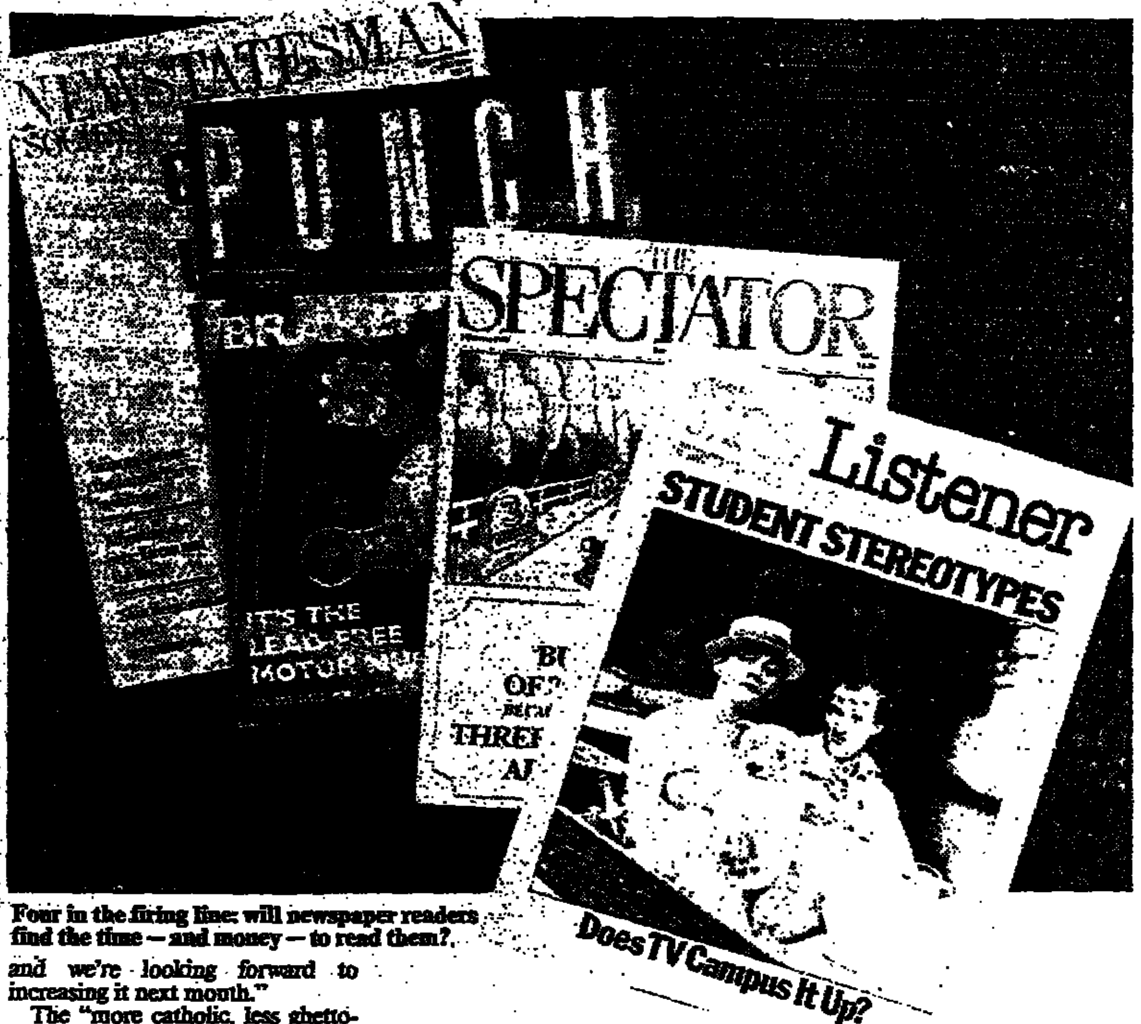
Every week a daily battle

Turmoil at *Punch* is symptomatic of tough times for the weeklies, reports

David Housham



Four in the firing line: will newspaper readers find the time — and money — to read them?

The recent epidemic expansion in size by the quality weekend newspapers might at first sight constitute a mortal blow to the vulnerable weekly political-cum-literary periodicals.

With menacing heaps of colour supplements and leisure sections lying around the house at the end of the week, who feels able to take on the extra reading-time challenge of *The Spectator* and *New Statesman and Society*, *The Listener* and *Punch*?

In addition to this test of their readers' loyalty, the weeklies face the further challenge of maintaining their shares of an increasingly cut-throat, cut-price quality display advertising market.

However, the magazines themselves are sanguine about the floodtide of weekend newsprint. Pat Coyne, publisher of *New Statesman and Society*, says: "There is an argument that the expansion in weekend newspapers will affect the weeklies, but I don't have any evidence for it.

"The decline has been going on for the past 30 years — the *New Statesman*'s circulation used to be over 90,000. The conventional wisdom is that it started when the daily newspapers, particularly *The Guardian*, started expanding into the weeklies' editorial space, running more magazine-style features."

The hybrid *New Statesman and Society* has suffered the most direct assault from the swelling *Sunday Times*, in the shape of the latter's New Society section aimed at teachers and social workers.

After the failure of his magazine's belated attempt to obtain an injunction against *The Sunday Times*, Coyne says the feeling about the appropriation of the title is "more annoyance than anger. There's not a lot we can do now. In the long term the *Sunday Times* section may affect us — it's impossible to quantify it. So far we've retained the classified advertising, which was largely the old *New Society* element, and we're looking forward to increasing it next month."

The "more catholic, less ghettoized" editorial package of *New Statesman and Society* registered initial sales figures of 47,000 in June (before the merger, *New Statesman* was averaging 23,000, *New Society* just over 20,000), which Coyne calls "bloody good. Although the figure has gone down over the summer to between 37,000 and 39,000, we're outselling *The Spectator* and *The Listener*."

James Knox, publisher of *The Spectator*, is emphatic: "A paid weekly must have a very distinctive and clear editorial voice, with a ring of quality. That's one of our strengths. We've spent the last 12 years building on the quality of our editorial.

"We don't really feel threatened, but there's no question that display advertising is becoming a much tougher market — everyone is cutting rates. We're affected, though not enormously. *The Spectator*'s circulation is currently 36,500 (June's ABC was 35,400) and we get on schedules because of our élite, opinion-forming readership.

"Advertisers are now booking four ads with us where they used to book six, because they're getting fantastic bargains elsewhere, cheap ads in the *Independent* magazine. I should think *Punch* is more seriously affected than we are."

Clear voice: Knox of *The Spectator*

Punch has seemed doomed throughout the Eighties, with sales descending from 70,000 five years ago to the latest ABC figure of under 61,000. The latest editor, David Taylor, who gave it a more topical patina, has just resigned after nine months due to disagreement over the magazine's most profitable direction.

Punch's publisher, Peter Shaw, declares he is nevertheless "very optimistic" about the appeal of the magazine's "unique editorial environment". He is concentrating on special issues and has lined up "motor, books, winter and Christmas specials, all of which are bumper issues".

The best way for the weeklies to ensure reader devotion is obviously to increase their subscriber bases. *Punch* is about to undertake one of its biggest ever subscription drives, Shaw says, with a free desk diary as an incentive: "*Punch* has done subscription drives consistently over the last five years. In the past three years we've increased our subscriptions by 25 per cent."

Shaw adds that the magazine likes to play down its subscriber onslaughts because they upset newsagents. Knox, on the other hand, says that *The Spectator*'s sustained subscription drives have caused few complaints: "Magazines need subscriptions to survive these days; even the likes of Condé Nast, the big glossies, are pushing subscriptions."

Knox also points to the crucial cross-promotion the title gets from ads in the *Daily Telegraph*, its big sister in the Fairfax Group. "You can't survive outside of a big group. The weeklies' market is very static, and the necessary promotion is very expensive."

All the other weeklies are deeply envious of the free airtime and cross-promotion that *The Listener*, now jointly owned by the BBC and ITV, gets on TV and radio channels. However, business manager Robert Hall (previously publisher of *New Society*) says *The Listener* has to take what airtime it is given, "so we can't plan a policy or campaign around it".

Hall argues that *The Listener* has less to fear from newspaper competition since it relaunched itself as a "magazine of the broadcasting arts, rather than a current affairs magazine with an emphasis on broadcasting".

The January-June ABC figure for *The Listener* of 32,000 represents a 10 per cent increase since the relaunch, Hall says. The magazine's frenetic current subscription drive is partly due to the "pressure on newsagents' shelf-space caused by the boom in new launches", and is being aimed at younger readers "because we're looking for people who don't normally read the other weeklies".

Coyne summarizes: "Conventional wisdom has held that the weeklies are in competition with each other, but I doubt if people buy the *New Statesman and Society* rather than *The Spectator*. They have differently attuned readerships both culturally and ideologically, with sets of attitudes that we can't change. The only competition we have is between those people who can't decide whether to buy us or save their money."

BYLINES

Is Aunty off target?

Good relations between independent producers and the BBC could be jeopardized by fears that the corporation is not moving fast enough towards the Government's target of 25 per cent of its non-news programmes from independents. The subject is likely to come up at a meeting next Tuesday at which some 200 independents and BBC executives will review progress so far.

The BBC is committed to spending £20 million on 600 hours of independently-produced programming by 1990. But the Independent Programme Producers Association (IPPA) foresees problems getting to 25 per cent, or 1,500 hours, by 1992. "It is going to be a very big jump to make in two or at the outside three programme-making years," says IPPA's Paul Syles.

The IPPA has been reluctant to press the point until now because relations with the BBC have been good and it acknowledges the problems the corporation faces in making room for independents: only last month the BBC announced that 100 jobs are to disappear at BBC Wales to make room for the new programmes. But relations are still much better with the BBC than with ITV, with which IPPA has still to agree formal terms of trade.

So independent

The shortage of senior City journalists has hit *The Independent*, which has recently lost City editor Tom Kyte to PR firm Brunswick, chief City reporter Patrick Donovan to *The Guardian* and Steve Levinson to the BBC — and that despite *The Independent's* share option scheme, designed to encourage loyalty among staff by benefiting those who stay more than three years.

Last laugh

***TV Times* features editor Gavin Petrie is off, after nearly 11 years, to freelance and write comedies with wife Jan Etherington, who says her husband's decision was "accelerated" by the recent change of editor at the magazine. Last year the couple won a *Radio Times* comedy award for a script which was subsequently turned down by BBC radio and television but is now with LWT, and their comedy *Second Thoughts*, with James Bolam, starts on Radio 4 on November 1.**

Faulty prize

Video Arts — the producer of training videos which has brought co-founder John Cleese fortune to go with his fame — won its 175th award in 15 years last week at a Dublin festival for a film on running an old people's home, with Thora Hird and Rosemary Leach. The company's press release says it was the first prize in the safety and health category, which was what the Irish organizers told Video Arts when they rang up with the news. A pity the engraved rose bowl, when it subsequently arrived, said "third prize".

Briefing...

The National Consumer Council is unhappy with the Government's plans for secrecy law reform. In a response to the White Paper this week, it says leaks on consumer issues are often in the national interest and calls for a "narrow defence" that disclosure of information was necessary to prevent danger to the health and safety of consumers . . . *Blueprint*, the designer magazine, is five this month . . . **Rupert Murdoch's English-language Sky Channel is to be replaced in 4.1 million German and Austrian cable households early next year by Eurosport, the joint Murdoch-European Broadcasting Union channel. Sky says the multi-lingual Eurosport should prove "an attractive alternative" . . .** *Time* magazine goes full-colour in January after its editorial redesign this month. The United States edition has been all-colour since 1985, but a pioneering satellite system introduced in 1981 only allowed 50 per cent of pages in editions round the world to be printed in colour . . . **From *The Journalist*: "NUJ 911X. Registration number for sale. Currently on blue mini but might interest Porsche 911-owning union member".**

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Glaxo Group Research is growing fast and to ensure that our staff are in the picture we need to appoint an Employee Communications Executive. As part of a small Public Relations team in Greenford, the main responsibilities will be an in-house magazine for staff. This will mean writing scientific and business articles and liaising with design and production houses. In addition, creative and production skills will be needed to produce brochures, exhibitions, videos and posters and also to advise others within the company on their communications proposals.
Aged at least 26 and a graduate, you will ideally have a science degree applicable to pharmaceutical research and publications experience gained in-house or with a PR agency.
In return we will offer you highly competitive benefits including a salary commensurate with your age and experience, 25 days' paid holiday per annum, a non-contributory pension scheme and relocation assistance where appropriate.
For an application form please contact Marion Haufe, Senior Personnel Officer, Glaxo Group Research Limited, Priory Street, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0DJ. Telephone (0920) 3993, ext. 2683, or alternatively send a full CV to her at the above address, quoting ref G88224.
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The successful candidate will be lively, numerate, have good organisational skills and a good sense of humour. Previous knowledge of production control techniques and some computer experience, whilst not essential, would be an advantage.
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Please send a C.V. to:
Mr Adrian New
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Genuine £30,000 to £40,000 Package
An international Property Company has three new positions in its Richmond office for Account Executives.
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Due to an increase in workload and plans for expansion, we have a need for a Public Relations Officer.
The Company is involved in organising and running events for client entertainment and sport sponsorship.
The job is based in Luton but involves a great deal of travel throughout the UK.
Some experience of organising events is desirable but it is essential for the successful applicant to be well presented, to be able to deal with people at all levels and to cope under pressure.
An attractive employment package will be offered which will include non contributory pension and Company car.
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Media sales experience useful but less important than a positive, ambitious and extrovert personality. In return we offer excellent job satisfaction, an attractive salary/commission package, company car and future prospects in an informal but highly professional company in a pleasant central London location.
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CREATIVE & MEDIA APPOINTMENTS

Marketing Director

Our client is one of Europe's *leading* medical research organisations employing over 1,000 staff and currently generating an annual income of £34 million to support its research programme.

The Organisation has ambitious plans over the next ten years to increase the scope of its activities. The Marketing Director is a key figure in this growth and is *totally responsible for achieving projected* revenue targets through a diverse number of marketing activities. These include a retail shops programme, mail order, advertising, corporate marketing, national events and the use of other consumer *marketing* techniques.

The responsibilities are varied and demanding and will appeal to a charismatic personality who enjoys public exposure and who can direct a sophisticated, market-led operation.

The salary will be in the region of £40,000 plus car, excellent pension arrangements, medical cover, etc.

The real reward will be the contribution any individual can make towards a global, humanitarian cause.

The job will be based in London but involves travel throughout the U.K.

Please contact the consultant handling this appointment: Richard Novis,
Marlar International Limited,
14 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7HH. Telephone 01-235 9614.

THE BRADFORD EXCHANGE LTD.

THE BRADFORD EXCHANGE is an established DIRECT MARKETING company, and the world's largest international trading centre for limited-edition collector's plates. We create our own direct mail and advertising campaigns, and advise manufacturers on the development of new limited-edition art collectibles.

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MARKETING MANAGER

A highly numerate Graduate, a skilled communicator, and a long-term strategic thinker.

With at least 4 years solid *direct marketing experience*, and demonstrating a high degree of staff control and motivation, it is unlikely that the successful candidate will be under 30.

Responsibilities include:

- Developing the Company's *marketing strategy*, implementing all aspects of the marketing mix;
- Creating and managing high-volume direct marketing campaigns to both client file and *cold* prospects;
- Exploring new avenues for cost-effective client recruitment;
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A Graduate with at least 2 years practical experience in a *commercial/marketing* orientated environment.

Must display a good knowledge of, and interest in, the fine arts and the commercial art business.

An effective and personable communicator and negotiator, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Researching and creating new product and programme ideas;
- The application and analysis of modern market research techniques;
- Liaising with artists, sculptors and *manufacturers in the development* of prototypes and marketing concepts;
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Interested candidates are invited to send their c.v. and details of current salary in confidence to:

Nigel Jeffers
General Manager
THE BRADFORD EXCHANGE LTD. (REF ST1)
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Press Officer

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Carlson Marketing Group

Joe Thomas, President,
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£12,000

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You must enjoy working as part of a team, but should also be able to act on your own initiative to run the office and deal with matters arising in the Sales Manager's absence.

This is a responsible role, so you are likely to be at least 25 years old with good secretarial skills and a pleasant telephone manner.

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Waha Oil Company, Libya

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Housing boom that grew beside the sea

Christopher Warman

looks at the influence of coastal living on prices in the homes market

The Bournemouth area of the south coast, with Poole on the western side and Christchurch to the east, can claim to be one of the most popular holiday destinations in England. And where a large number of people go on holiday, the demand for property invariably follows. The beaches, the nearby countryside, and the New Forest not far away have proved an irresistible attraction for many years, and property ownership starts at a lowly but significant level.

A simple beach hut in the best locations, about 10ft by 12ft in size, will cost £13,000-£18,000, and there are always buyers.

Sandbanks is among the most sought-after holiday and residential areas, a peninsula with fine beaches on its south-western shores and Poole Harbour on its north-western shores. Poole is reputed to have the second largest natural harbour in the world, providing a feast of yachting, fishing and windsurfing.

A three-bedroom flat with a large lounge and dining room, direct access to the beach and the ever important beach chalet, in a straightforward 1970s block, is on offer at £235,000 through Fox & Sons, of Poole, part of the Fox Holdings Group, which has 250 offices in southern England.

Across the road, just a little further from the sea, in a recently built, pleasant apartment block, there is a flat for sale with three bedrooms, a larger living room, and dining room — but more limited sea views to the front and what the agents describe as "harbour glimpses" to the rear. The price is £175,000, illustrating the premium to be paid for the sea view and beach access.

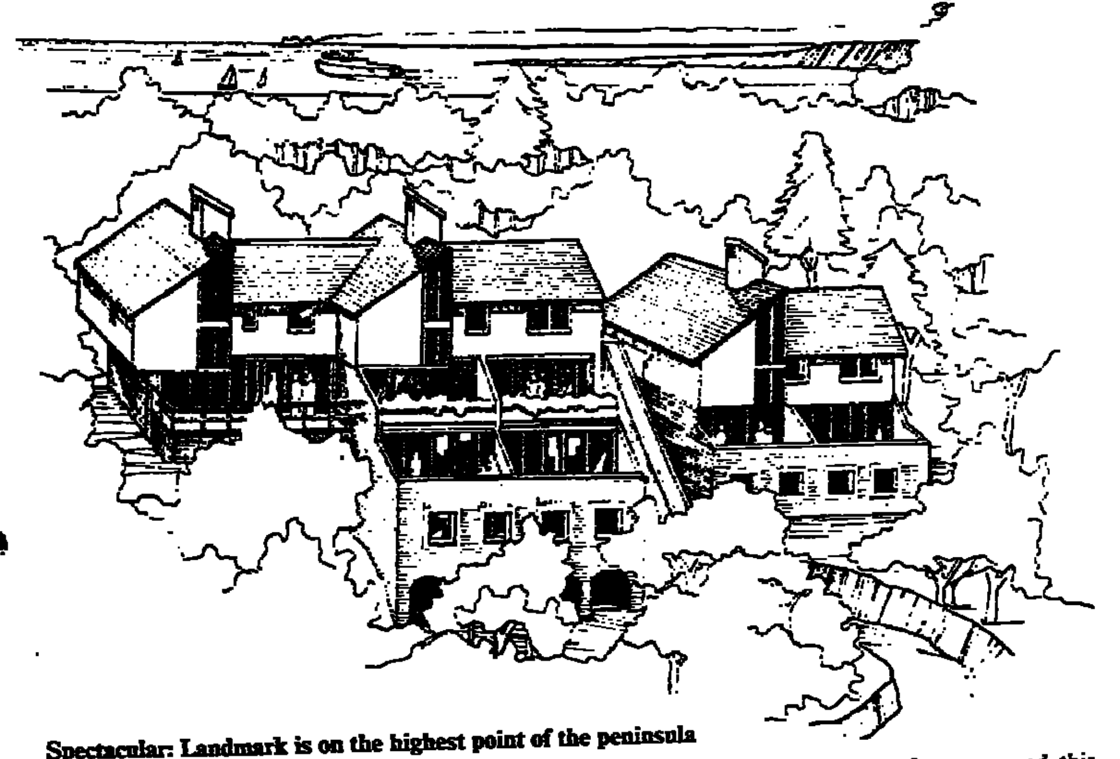
The most spectacular development at Sandbanks is appropriately called Landmark. It is newly built on the highest point of the peninsula, perched 200ft up on top of a hill. The apartments, built almost into the hillside, are reached by steps and stairs and are not recommended for those who get tired halfway up an escalator. The views are, however, quite stunning, showing a panorama across Poole Harbour, Brownsea Island and Studland Beach to the Purbeck Hills and Bournemouth.

The 10 apartments are designed as a combination of house and flat, most on two floors, with the look of Mediterranean villas. Every one has a sunshine terrace, and the block is well shielded by trees. The two-bedroom apartments, with a 999-year lease and a maintenance charge of about £600 a year, range in price from £235,000 to £295,000. The one remaining penthouse is £350,000 through Fox & Sons and Goadsby & Harding, of Bournemouth.

Even "inland" at Poole, half a mile from the beaches, prices are high. Berkeley Homes (Dorset) has built two five-bedroom houses, each in half an acre, in the Lilliput village area of the town.

The houses are in a Jacobean style and have exposed timbers and leaded lights. They are fitted with smoke detector and burglar alarm systems, and one is for sale at £307,500.

Not far away, at Canford Cliffs, the same agents are selling a newly built four-bedroom house, with the living rooms on the first floor to take advantage of the views to Poole Harbour. The house is in three-quarters of an acre and is priced at £399,500. This property and the Berkeley Homes houses illustrate the area's prosperity and the demand for large family houses, as well as the traditional holiday and retirement homes for which it is known.



Spectacular: Landmark is on the highest point of the peninsula

Demand for smaller homes remains high and is reflected in the prices. A three-bedroom bungalow at Branksome Park, built 20 years ago and now being modernized, is for sale at £289,000.

A new development at Christchurch shows the demand for property with the leisure ingredient of a marina. Priory Quay, the work of the Highcross company from Newbury, Berkshire, will have 33 houses of two, three and four bedrooms on four storeys, every one with a private berth, and all clustered around a central yachting basin below Christchurch Priory. The houses are on a site at the confluence of the Rivers Stour and Avon, formerly a boatyard, and have spectacular views across the estuary to Hengistbury Head and The Needles.

The design, in staggered terraces, includes a "crow's nest" roof garden at the top and a room on the ground floor intended as a practical room for the yachtsman.

The first five houses released, at prices from £325,000, have all been reserved, and the next phase is expected to produce record prices for the Christchurch area approaching £400,000. Information is available from Jackson & Jackson (0590 71211).

Many people, having been on holiday to the area, have been retiring there for years, and this trend continues. It is perhaps no accident that the leading retirement home specialists, McCarthy & Stone, have their headquarters in Bournemouth, and have completed several schemes there.

After concentrating mainly on homes at the lower end of the market, the company is now building some top-of-the-market schemes, and at Park View Court, Bournemouth, it is introducing a "blue riband" package of extra services for residents, including a waitress-service restaurant and an apartment-cleaning service. Park View Court has 61 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments set in landscaped gardens and priced from £65,450 to £94,500.

In the Bournemouth area even a small beach hut, 10ft by 12ft, can cost £18,000, and there are always plenty of buyers

McCarthy & Stone is also introducing a new range of interior designs for incorporation in its top specification schemes, designed by Safaya Salter. The designs will be used at the Fettes village development in Edinburgh, and elsewhere, including one planned at Canford Cliffs, Poole.

The world-famous Compton Acres private gardens are at Canford Cliffs. Adjoining them is what promises to be one of the most delightful retirement schemes, Chartcombe, by Regalian. Chartcombe has 78 flats, mostly with two bedrooms and balconies looking out over the gardens, and in many cases over Poole Harbour and towards the Purbeck Hills. All the residents will have a key to the gardens, which are open to the public, and include such features as a Roman garden, a Japanese garden and a sub-tropical glen.

In the centre of the Chartcombe development a three-storey atrium rises from the residents' lounge, which houses statues, Roman columns and terracotta urns cascading with plants, to complement the gardens around it. The flats range from £150,000 to £250,000 through Fox & Sons and Savills.

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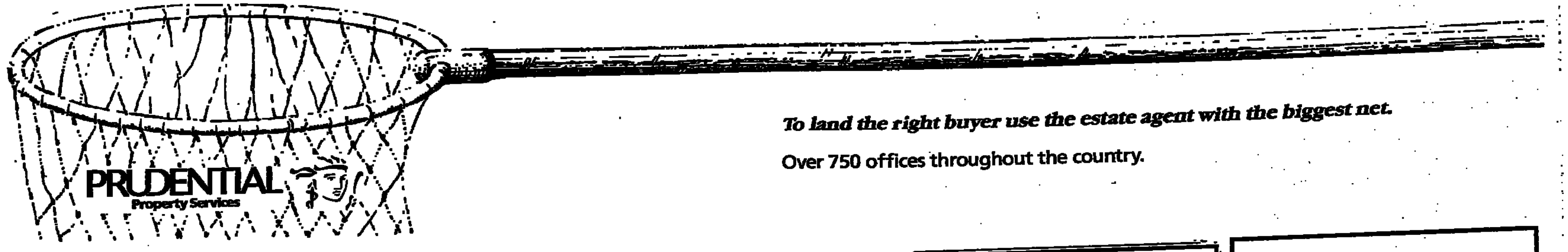

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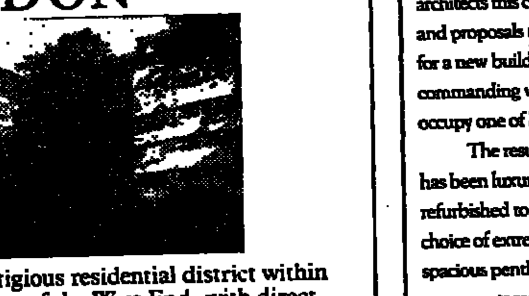

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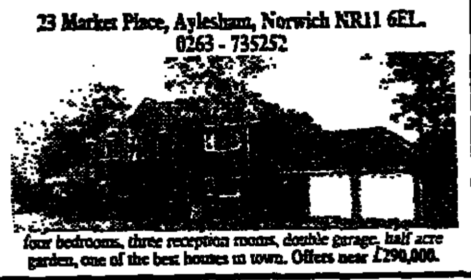

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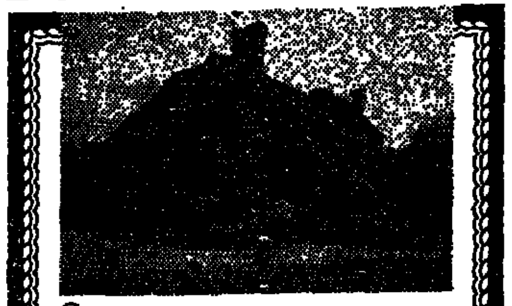

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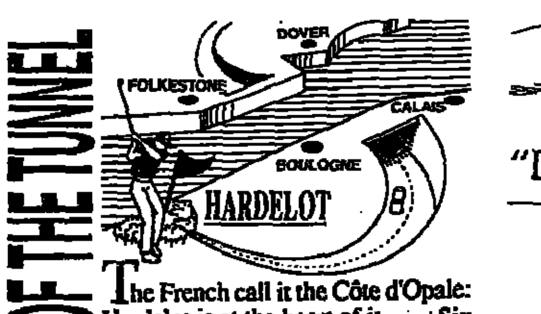

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When the owner bought it nearly three years ago it was an empty shell, and having asked around for an interior decorator, he brought in Gordon Lindsay to transform it. Given a totally free hand, Lindsay did just that, insisting that everything should be new. That meant the owner could not bring in any of his furniture, and a £25,000 carpet remains rolled up and stored away because it would not fit in with the contemporary design or colour scheme.

The result is a lavishly decorated light, ultra-modern apartment with three bedrooms and three bathrooms, and two large open-plan living and entertaining areas, the floors connected by a spiral staircase. It has remote-controlled shutters to all the windows, music piped automatically to the principal rooms, air conditioning and marble floors, and it extends to about 4,000 sq ft.

The roof provides one of the largest roof gardens in St James's. It has artificial turf, and there are fine views above central London. The apartment has a video entryphone and there is 24-hour security. There are three telephone lines.

After living there for two years, the owner is moving — with some reluctance — because it is now too large for him. Cluttons' Mayfair office is asking for offers of more than £1.85 million.

If an ultra-modern apartment can be expected within such a modern building, it is something of a surprise when it is on the upper floors of a substantial stucco period house in Belgravia. Number 62 Eaton Place hides within it, however, just that — 3,800 sq ft on four floors, created by the architect John Browning and the designer Michael Carapetian.

The outstanding feature is a 50ft atrium rising three floors, on top of which is a conservatory with an area of glass flooring that enables anyone not suffering from vertigo to peer down the height of the apartment to the dining room.

This apartment, designed for a European businessman, seems tailor-made for an international jet-setter or rock star. It has a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms, four bathrooms, a drawing room, a dining room, a study, and a sauna on the top floor. Some of the floors are marble and some ash strip. Aylesford and Beauchamp Estate are asking around £2.5 million.

Number 2 Hyde Park Street, on the corner of Bayswater Road opposite Hyde Park, provides apartments of a very different sort. The 19th-century building is owned by the Church Commissioners, was converted by Rosehaugh and sold on to Mountleigh, which is determined it will be a worthy showpiece.

The building has been restored to its original classical elegance and completely rebuilt behind the existing façade, except for the fine staircase, which is retained. Wherever possible the existing period features such as the fireplaces have been preserved, and architraves carefully restored.

What makes the scheme unusual is the lengths to which the developers have gone to furnish the two show flats, to show what the apartments can be like. The job was put out to tender among 12 companies, and each of the show flats has been designed by a different firm. One of them, a four-bedroom apartment of more than 3,000 sq ft, priced at £1,250,000, cost £200,000 to decorate and furnish — and that excludes the paintings, which are insured for £500,000. The designers even took up the existing carpet and replaced it with a new wooden floor.

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Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

. . . to the eccentric and outrageous

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It displays the changing style of property advertising and the changing trends in favoured areas, large parts of Clapham now having been transformed. The advertisement is included in an anthology of Brooks's eccentricities between 1957 and 1971, when he died. *Mud Straw and Insults* comes three years after the first volume of his wit and wisdom was published as *Brothel in Pimlico*, one of his more famous descriptions.

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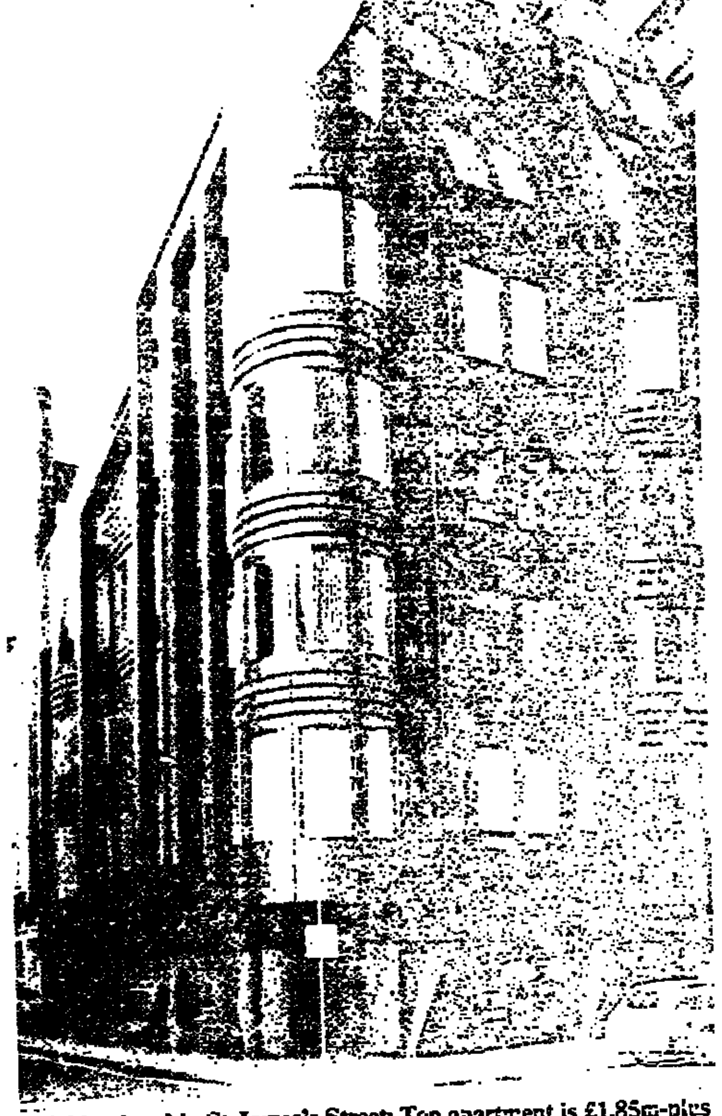

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BOXING

McKenzie's straight British left should quell Filipino's fire

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

After all those British successes in the Olympic Games, there should be another one tonight at the Grand Hall, Wembley. Duke McKenzie, from Croydon, the European flyweight champion, should lift the world title when he challenges Rolando Bohol, of the Philippines, the International Boxing Federation champion.

Things could not be better for McKenzie, who is unbeaten in 20 contests. He has home advantage against a boxer who has never competed in the West and was beaten the only time he travelled outside the Philippines, to Korea. McKenzie, at 5ft 8in, has a four-inch advantage over the champion; Bohol is not a dangerous puncher, there being only three knockouts in his 27 bout record; a British referee, Roland Dakin, is among the three judges for the contest.

It looks like a classic confrontation between a tall, stand-up boxer-fighter like McKenzie and a short, incoming fighter-boxer. It seems that all McKenzie has to do is to keep sticking out the left and every so often clipping him with the odd right or two and he has the title won.

But when the boxing starts, McKenzie can expect to find the champion more than a handful. McKenzie may have to draw on all the boxing skills available to him to keep the left working. According to the Filipinos, Bohol will be sitting on McKenzie from the first bell and the challenger will not be able to stay with him. Given the fighting qualities of Filipinos, this may not be an idle boast.

According to Gabriel Elorde, who with his mother, Laura, manages Bohol, McKenzie is making his challenge too late in his career as a flyweight and the champion will expose him as weight-weakened. "I saw him on Tuesday at the Press conference and he did not look comfortable," Gabriel Elorde said yesterday. "McKenzie looked tired and drawn. This seems to show that his long wait for his title chance has left him with a weight problem."

While it is unlikely that a manager and matchmaker such as Mickey Duff would have slipped up in his choice of opponent and timing, it is also possible that the Filipinos may be right in believing that Duff was forced to make his move now. McKenzie has been keen to move up to bantamweight to start making real money.

Bohol, who was taught the basics by Gabriel's father, Flash Elorde, the world champion who reigned for seven years, is not worried about McKenzie's advantages. He says that having sparred with a tall boxer such as Hilario Zapata, he will be able to handle the challenger.

So confident are the Filipinos of taking the title back with them, they are not worried about Dakin being among the judges — "we know the British are fair and there will be no hometown decisions here" — or the size of the ring. "If the ring is small it will suit us, if it is big it will suit us also," Gabriel Elorde said.

"We know McKenzie is going to run because we are going to do the chasing, the more he runs, the more tired he will get. Bohol is 21 and used to fighting 15 rounds. McKenzie is a good stylish boxer but he has not got a good enough punch."

Elorde added that the champion would be going for "the bread basket". They have seen in videos that McKenzie does not like to be hit in the stomach.

But if McKenzie is not in fact having weight problems, as the Filipinos think, then the incoming champion should be made for his left hand and we can expect McKenzie go on picking him off and building up a big lead. When McKenzie stopped Charlie Magri in five rounds, he used the left to good advantage and he should do so again tonight.

Hope for Bruno amid more Tyson turmoil

The chances of Frank Bruno challenging for the world heavyweight championship appeared to have taken a turn for the better yesterday. Wembley Arena has been booked for December 17 and the bout's co-promoter, Mickey Duff, is hoping for "something definite" from Tyson's camp within the next 24 hours.

Duff has just returned from New York, where he met Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, and was told that the troubled world heavyweight champion has returned to his training headquarters.

There were calls for Tyson to be stripped of his title after a domestic incident at his New Jersey mansion, but Bruno, on his way to Jamaica, said yesterday: "I don't think they should strip him of his title, but he ought to sort himself out. Perhaps this warning will make him pull his socks up."

Cayton has arranged a psychiatric examination for Tyson, seeking a second opinion after claims made by Tyson's wife, Robin Givens, on American television that her husband behaves violently and had been diagnosed a manic depressive.

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Werbeniuk would risk a ban for life

By Steve Acteson

Bill Werbeniuk, the 20st Canadian who has been fined and banned after falling foul of snooker's drugs policy, has said he would risk a life ban rather than endanger his health. Unless an alternative can be found, which Werbeniuk says is highly unlikely, he will continue his use of the proscribed beta-blocker, Inderal.

Werbeniuk, who has slipped from eighth to 47th in the world rankings over the last five years, takes Inderal to slow a heart rate artificially increased by huge amounts of lager — up to five gallons on match days — to contol an hereditary tremor.

The use of the drug, which he admitted to in last month's qualifying competition in Blackpool, initially saw him lose his chance to qualify for the Canadian Masters, the European Open and the British Open and on Monday he was banned from next week's Rothmans Grand Prix, where he was scheduled to play Steve Davis.

He was also fined £2,000 and ordered to pay the costs of a disciplinary hearing, which could be more than £10,000 and which he says he cannot afford.

An alternative beta-blocker, Atenolol, has been suggested by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association's medical adviser, Dr David Forster, but Werbeniuk said: "If he says it is safe for me to take, then I will switch. But my doctor won't prescribe it to me because it would make me feel faint and could even kill me.

"There doesn't seem to be any way out. I have to take Inderal for my health but if I keep on taking it, I will be kicked out. There is no money coming in now and if I can't afford to pay then they will probably kick me out."

Martyn Blake, the WPBSA secretary, confirmed that Werbeniuk would be in danger of a life ban if he continues to take Inderal.

RACING

Fifth consecutive century for Cecil

Rosie Potts gave champion trainer Henry Cecil his 100th winner of the season when making a successful debut in the first division of the EBF Sompting Maiden Stakes at Brighton yesterday.

It is the fifth consecutive century for Cecil and his ninth in all since he started training at Newmarket 19 years ago. His total prize-money haul over that period is more than £9 million and he is already virtually assured of his eighth trainers' championship.

Rosie Potts, ridden by Cecil's former stable jockey Greville Starkey, will have the chance to add to the stable's impressive tally before the end of the season as she was not given a hard race yesterday in beating the favourite, Aquatic, by 1½ lengths.

Jockey of the moment, John Reid, arrived too late to partner the runner-up, on whom Brian Rouse deputized. Reid rode work for Vincent O'Brien in Ireland yesterday morning and his travel plans were affected by bad weather.

But Reid more than made up for the lost riding fee when coasting home unchallenged by six lengths on the Aga Khan's 11-8 Kinaana in the Final Sprint Maiden Stakes.

David Morley, enjoying his best season, landed his 29th winner with only 36 horses when Duende snatched a neck victory over Crystal Sprite in the second division of the EBF Polwarth Maiden Stakes at Newcastle.

Morley and Mark Birch completed a quick double when Infante Carlos took the first division of the Newlands Claiming Stakes.

Other trainers to land doubles yesterday were Steve Norton with Princess Accord (Newcastle) and Lady Verdi (Wolverhampton), and Michael Stoute, for whom Sally Squash (Brighton) and Aliysa (Wolverhampton) maintained the stable's run of juvenile success.

Eddery has treble at Newcastle

Pat Eddery slightly improved his slender prospects of riding 200 winners this season when landing a near 85-1 treble at Newcastle yesterday.

The champion is now on the 174-mark but starts an eight-day ban on Tuesday and so has a maximum of 18 racing days in which to ride the 26 winners required.

Eddery's first two winners yesterday were comfortably gained on the Robert Armstrong-trained three-year-olds, Lindross and Native Flair.

However, Eddery had to be at his most forceful to complete the treble on the Greenovia for Barry Hills in the EBF Princes Maiden Stakes, beating the far more experienced Ruddy Lucky by the minimum margin.

At Salisbury today, Eddery has a ride in each of the eight races.

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Brighton

Going: firm

2.0 (6f) 1, ROSIE POTTS (G Starkey, 5-4); 2, Aquatic (B Rouse, 11-10 fav); 3, Polly Pretty (P Cook, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Merandis Girl (6th), 100 Cone Lane (5th), Gay Finale, The East Anglian (4th). 7 ran. NR: You Are A Star. 1½l, 3l, 3l, 2½l, 8l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.69.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, FIRST AVENUE (Dale Gibson, 11-2); 2, Four For Uncle (N Gwilliams, 8-1); 3, Rapid Lad (J Johnson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Welsh Pageantry, 8 Blue Ensign (5th), 10 Lady Of Shalott, Milstock, 20 Harry Covert (4th), Rather Touching, 25 Our Takista, 33 Coastal Plain (6th). 11 ran. 1l, 2½l, 1½l, nk, ¾l. A Turnell at East Hendred. Tote: £6.50; £1.90, £3.20, £1.70. DF: £21.90. CSF: £44.24. Tricast: £194.35.

3.0 (1m) 1, GRAND FRERE (B Rouse, 5-1); 2, Fisherman's Croft (J Reid, 9-4 fav); 3, Alreef (P Cook, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Oti (5th), 10 Gunpowder Falls, Caroles Clown (4th), 16 Fancy Pearl, 20 Cambrea Fred, 25 Mast of Arts, 33 Swinging Noe Joe (6th). 10 ran. ¾l, 3l, 7l, 3l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.70; £1.40, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £4.40. CSF: £14.71. Tricast: £56.83.

3.30 (7f) 1, KACHINA MAID (I Johnson, 16-1); 2, Eastern Evening (Dale Gibson, 16-1); 3, Mummy's Song (J Reid, 4-1 jt-fav); dh-4, Tina's Song (P Cook, 4-1 jt-fav); dh-4, Herbie Jay (S Ashworth, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Portfield Lady, 9 Prairie Sister, 10 Derraleena, Donfil, 11 Needwood Cracker (6th), Scaming Gizmo, 14 Horsa, 16 Lutinette, Queenstyle, 33 Air View, Miss Honeydew, September Boy, Hush It Up. 18 ran. nk, 1½l, 2½l, dh, 1l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £19.10; £2.30, £4.00, £1.10, Tina's Song £1.00, Herbie Jay £12.30. DF: £217.80. CSF: £240.78. Tricast: £1,121.29. No bid.

4.0 (6f) 1, SALLY SQUASH (P Cook, 4-5 fav); 2, Baby Talk (B Rouse, 10-1); 3, North of Paradise (G Starkey, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Glorious Hotfoot, 10 Amron Lad (5th), 16 Belle Tina, 20 Lurex Star (6th), Two Reelins (4th). 8 ran. 2l, 4l, hd, ¾l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.14.

4.30 (5f) 1, KINAANA (J Reid, 11-8 fav); 2, Dominuet (I Johnson, 66-1); 3, Alghimaaah (B Rouse, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Ration of Passion (4th), 3 Kate of Aragon, 33 Sharpo's Lad, 66 Marybee (5th), Scaming Molette (6th). 8 ran. 6l, 4l, nk, 2½l, 2l. R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £3.70, £2.80. DF: £43.50. CSF: £48.21.

5.0 (1m 4f) 1, HIDDEN PLANET (R Cowell, 16-1); 2, Bravo Star (D Benneyworth, 11-8 fav); 3, Brave Setana (K Santana, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Go South (4th), 4 Cross The Moat (5th), 5 Another Season (6th). 6 ran. nk, 10l, ¾l, 4l, 25l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £19.70; £4.50, £1.60. DF: £13.70. CSF: £40.12.

Placepot: £6.30

Wolverhampton

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 1f) 1, A LYPH (R Cochrane, 100-30); 2, Miller's Gait (W R Swinburn, 11-10 fav); 3, Eastern Diamond (A Bond, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Awayed, 12 Pretty Lucky, 16 Wishiah (4th), 20 Lucky Spin, 33 Bit of a Lass, 50 Gipping (6th), Miss Kilpatrick, Party Mood, Light Hand (5th). 12 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1l, 2l, hd. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £8.07.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, LADY VERDI (B Crossley, 6-1); 2, Best of British (W R Swinburn, 100-30 jt-fav); 3, Sorority (T Williams, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt-fav Best Foot Forward (4th), 6 Bean Dreams (6th), 8 The Overnight Man (5th), 16 Sassoferato, 33 Diggers Dream, Pardonnez Moi. 9 ran. 1l, 4l, 2l, 4l, 15l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £7.90; £2.00, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £25.57. Bought in for 2,400gns.

3.30 (5f) 1, ABC LAMP (M Tebbutt, 25-1); 2, Parton Express (J Quinn, 9-2 fav); 3, Navajo (W Newnes, 9-1); 4, Dawson Park (T Williams, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Lady Keyser, 8 Pearl White, 9 Langham Lady (6th), 14 Mr Charmer, 16 Crakatu, Howling Gael, Samson-Agonistes (5th), 20 Bernstein Bette, Camshaft, Sensational, Singing Star, Singh 'n' Spirits, 25 Alo' Niko, My Toy. 18 ran. NR: Becky Reepsight, Kentra. hd, ¾l, 3l, 1½l, ¾l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £12.40; £2.00, £1.40, £3.50, £11.30. DF: £182.80. CSF: £130.19. Tricast: £1,019.82.

4.00 (1m 1f) 1, ALIYSA (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 2, Blander (B Procter, 33-1); 3, Fevgate (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4-11 fav Cut Ahead (4th), 8 Laughing Chick (5th), 10 Wings of Wishes (6th), 33 River Mill, Sarna Hollow, 50 Caymania, June's Fancy, Just A Song, Saysuki. 12 ran. 3l, 2l, 1½l, 8l, 5l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £18.40; £1.50, £11.40, £1.70. DF: £1.60 (winner or second with any other horse). CSF: £175.54.

4.30 (7f) 1, TOOHAMI (S O'Gorman, 10-1); 2, Noble Haven (W R Swinburn, 14-1); 3, Amenaide (J Carter, 16-1); 4, My Home (S Spence, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Jole de Rose, 9-2 Irene's Charter (5th), 10 Straight Gold, Suzy Lorenzo, 12 Martian Princess, Sunley Princess, 16 Council Rock, 20 Primavera Way, Solent Steel, Send in the Clowns (6th), Sicilian Vespers, Selvi, Mackenzies. 17 ran. 2l, ¾l, 1½l, nk, hd. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £14.60; £2.50, £5.80, £2.50, £7.00. DF: £130.20. CSF: £120.25. Tricast: £1,973.49.

5.0 (5f) 1, SAINT NAVARRO (N Carlisle, 15-2); 2, Passemore (W Carson, 8-1); 3, Harmony Park (G Bardwell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Fav Chain Shot (4th), 7 Charm Bird, Romany Belle (5th), 8 Highland Rowena (6th), 12 Deebee Deebee, 16 Fair Katrina, 20 Kabcast, Pendine Sands, Stanelan, 33 Miss Wesley, 50 Baker Contract, Appeal for Help. 15 ran. 2l, 1l, ½l, ½l, ¾l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £8.70; £3.60, £3.20, £2.90. DF: £43.80. CSF: £63.13. Tricast: £659.18.

Placepot: £297.50

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, PRINCESS ACCORD (J Lowe, 8-1); 2, Wheatsheaf (K Darley, 16-1); 3, Stage Player (N Day, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav King Trevisio (6th), 7-2 Bold Republic (5th), 6 Great Hand, 8 Great Ruler (4th), 16 West Woodlands, 20 Moymet, Travelling Light, 25 Midnight Imperial, 33 Work On Air, 50 Arodstoch, Melody Gill, Small Wind. 15 ran. NR: Calafuria, Come On Hyde. 1½l, 2½l, 4l, 3l, 2½l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £13.40, £2.30. DF: £91.50. CSF: £122.23. 1min 13.63sec.

2.45 (6f) 1, DUENDE (M Birch, 9-2); 2, Crystal Sprite (M Giles, 10-1); 3, Too Phar (G Carter, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Malhamdale (5th), 11-2 Jarpee (6th), 6 Valiant Dash, 8 Towny Boy, 12 Fourshoon (4th), 14 Prepolo, Slender Bender, 16 Give Me A Day, 20 Maggie's Melody, Rowdy, 25 Decree, 33 Fiesole. 15 ran. NR: Look At Me Now. nk, 1½l, 1½l, 1l, 1l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £9.40, £2.60. DF: £197.60. CSF: £58.84. 1min 13.86sec.

3.15 (6f) 1, INFANTE CARLOS (M Birch, 6-1); 2, Hollis (J Carroll, 6-4 fav); 3, Jack Boy (A Mackay, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Ballerina Girl (4th), Eastern Melody, 17-2 Secret Contract (5th), 10 Happy Cavalier (6th), 11 Penny Place, 12 Mine's A Double, 16 Princess Designer, 25 Vagara, Aethon. 12 ran. NR: Night Talk. ¾l, ½l, 2½l, 5l, 1½l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £13.80; £2.90, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £14.60. CSF: £21.70. 1min 13.25sec.

3.45 (6f) 1, ALDAHE (G Duffield, 9-2); 2, Crimpsall (D Nicholls, 13-2); 3, Mom Sally (Dean McKeown, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Tenofus, 16 Final Pass (4th), 20 Batchworth Heath, 25 Twilight Falls (6th), White Carr (5th), 40 Ess-Kay-Dee, 50 Decoy Express, Howdy. 11 ran. nk, 4l, nk, 1½l, ¾l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £1.40, £3.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £10.20. 1min 13.12sec. Baligay (4-5 fav) was withdrawn, Rule 4 applies to all bets. deduct 55 pence in pound. After an objection by the second the result stands.

4.15 (2m) 1, LINDROSS (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Height Of Folly (G Duffield, 11-4 fav); 3, Turkish Star (D Nicholls, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Reef Patrick (5th), 7 Professional Touch (4th), 9 Jopanini (6th), 12 Calabrese, 14 Levisham, 20 Audrina, Shoreham Lady, 33 Ejay Haitch, Co-Tack, Beau Echarpe, Hutner, Trelissick. 15 ran. NR: Potato King. ¾l, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, 5l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.30, £8.40. DF: £3.70. CSF: £15.24. Tricast: £179.00. 3min 28.32sec.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, NATIVE FLAIR (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Kings Rank (G Duffield, 8-1); 3, Donya (M Birch, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav South Cross (5th), 5 My Greatest Star (4th), 10 Ampleforth (6th), 12 Al Muhalhal, Powys Prince, 14 Arctic Scene, 25 Sukaab, 33 Malkoco, Armagret, Final Movement, Glow Of Knober, Over Confident (pu). 15 ran. 2½l, 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 10l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £3.30, £2.50. DF: £29.70. CSF: £42.98. 2min 08.49sec.

5.15 (1m 1f) 1, ISRAR (R Hills, 4-1); 2, Awaasif (Pat Eddery, 11-4); 3, Waslen (S Whitworth, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Alkinor Rex (4th), 8 Expound (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 15l, 3l, 6l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £14.55. 1min 59.89sec.

5.45 (1m) 1, GREENOVIA (Pat Eddery (15-8 fav); 2, Ruddy Lucky (M Hills, 12-1); 3, Billheed (N Connorton, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Careless Lad (4th), 15-2 Zorkos, 11 Persian Veil (6th), 16 Dancing Days, Wishaway, 20 Carbisdale, Simply First Class, 25 Halkopous, 33 Needtobeaharp, Pilgrim's Revenge (5th), Presage, River Cruise, Secret Dancer, Silver Hello, Wolver Gem, Princess Constanza. 19 ran. NR: Algaihabane. sh hd, ¾l, ¾l, 1l, 2½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.60, £3.40. DF: £10.70. CSF: £26.90. 1min 44.50sec.

5.45 1, REGGAE BEAT (D Biggs, 12-1); 2, Good N Sharp (J Lowe, 11-1); 3, Greenhills Pride (G Carter, 10-1) 4, Regent Lad (S Webster, 12-1). Saulire 13-2 fav. 20 ran. I Campbell.

Placepot: not available.

Devon & Exeter

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Hollywood Man (R Rowe, 13-2); 2, Rayon Vert (9-1); 3, Chiropodist (6-1). Plague O'Rats 4-7 fav. 12 ran. NR: Candlelight Dinner, Midnight Storm, Dizzy Queen, Kiparissia, Ocean Hound. 12l, 2l. J Gifford. Tote: £8.90; £2.70, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £16.10. CSF: £55.60

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, Akram (W Irvine, 10-11 fav); 2, Headin' On (4-1); 3, Maitredee (4-1). 6 ran. NR: Tongsonian. 20l, 3l. R Hodges. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £2.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £4.58

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Seddique (J Frost, 16-1); 2, Emma's Treasure (33-1); 3, Laughing-Missile (15-2). Fly Concorde 9-4 fav. 11 ran. 2½l, 3l. R Frost. Tote: £9.30; £2.70, £3.90, £2.00. DF: Winner or second with any other horse £2.90. CSF: £342.02.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Streetfighter (M Williams, 7-1); 2, Sunsella Pal (4-5 fav); 3, Rosoglio (33-1). 12 ran. NR: Bolt Head, French Habitat, Mad Jimmy. 1½l, 25l. J Baker. Tote: £11.50; £2.10, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £12.26.

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Glenside Jerry (J Frost, 13-2); 2, Beaconside (6-1); 3, Swift Royale (5-2 jt-fav). Lean Ort 5-2 jt-fav. 5 ran. 12l, dist. G Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £35.33.

4.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Kamadoor (J Frost, 7-4 fav); 2, Young Nicholas (16-1); 3, Rodnecs (100-30). 8 ran. NR: Gifted Nephew. 15l, 10l. G Balding. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £8.00. CSF: £24.74. Tricast: £77.29.

Placepot: £98.30.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.0 Hello Sandicliffe. 4.0 Keep Bidding. SALISBURY: 2.45 Brither. 4.15 Smithsonia, Acorn Hollow. 4.45 Young Turpin.

STUDENT SPORT

Team objective for golfers

By Yuri Matischen

Members of the 11-strong British students golf team began their first practice round on Monday at the Is Molas golf club, Cagliari, in preparation for the second world student golf championship.

The competition proper begins tomorrow and this year's team, comprising six men and five women, hopes to improve on the team bronze and silver medals won in 1986 at the same venue. However, the competition will be very tough with the hosts, Italy, likely to provide a strong challenge along with the United States, Switzerland and France.

Dean Spriddle, a student at Jordanhill College, based at Pitreavie Golf Club, is the sole remaining team member from Britain's 1986 campaign, when he finished equal fifteenth, and will be an important source of information to the rest of the squad. Spriddle, the colleges' champion, is one of eight Scottish-based students, four of whom are from Stirling University.

There a scheme of golf scholarships and bursaries has been successfully introduced by the physical education director, Dr Ian Thomson. Jordanhill College also provides three students and the Scottish domination is not surprising when one analyses the results of the British Universities and Colleges championships.

The English contingent comprises Rob Stevens (Liverpool University), Richard Holt (Huddersfield), and Tina Jeary, (Surrey University).

Should the students live up to their potential, one might find the Scottish senior international, Lindsey Anderson (Jordanhill), of Tain Golf Club, or Catrina Lambert (Stirling), of North Berwick Golf Club, among the medals in the women's individual event.

TEAM: Men: J Grant (Stirling University and Dunbar GC), R Holt (Huddersfield Polytechnic and Woodsome Hall), A Mathers (Stirling University and Elie GC), D Purdie (Aberdeen University and Turriff GC), D Spriddle (Jordanhill College and Pitreavie GC), R Stevens (Liverpool University and Kings Norton GC). Women: L Anderson (Jordanhill College and Tain GC), J Ford (Jordanhill College and Gullane Ladies' GC), T Jeary (Surrey University and Bishop's Stortford GC), C Lambert (Stirling University and North Berwick GC), L Lundie (Stirling University and Strathaven Golf Club).

PETANQUE

Britain's family affair

France, the winners of the men's world championships in Genoa last month, are expected to make it a double at the first women's world championships in Palma, Majorca, this weekend (Peter Tatlow writes).

The British team, which leaves tomorrow, is a family concern with Dianne Scott and her daughters Nicki, 23, and Claire, 22, making up the three-woman contingent. Among the 24 nations expected to compete are several European countries together with Japan.

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Entry by mistake does not give rights

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Mokuolu and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment October 4]

The fact that an immigration officer had allowed persons to enter the United Kingdom in the erroneous belief that they were British citizens with a right of abode did not prevent them from being illegal entrants liable to removal under the provisions of the Immigration Act 1971.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the applicants, Catherine Mokuolu and Aina Ogunbiyi, from the refusal by Mr Justice Macpherson on November 19, 1987, to grant judicial review of a decision by the Secretary of State for the Home Department confirming a decision of an immigration officer of March 22, 1986, that the applicants were illegal entrants.

Mr Alper Riza for the applicants; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the applicants had both been in the United Kingdom prior to 1981 and Catherine Mokuolu had two children born here who were British citizens.

On June 4, 1984 the applicants and the children had arrived at Heathrow. The children had gone to the British citizens' desk and had been passed through. The applicants had gone to the desk for those who were not British citizens or Common Market nationals.

They had produced British passports. That of Mrs Mokuolu had given her date of birth as 1953 and the place as Liverpool, that of Miss Ogunbiyi had given the date of birth as 1970 and the place as England. On the faith of those entries the immigration officer had stamped each passport. It was rightly accepted that those stamps were merely evidence that they had been seen by an immigration officer at Heathrow.

Subsequently letters had been written to the Home Office asserting that the applicants had been born in Nigeria. Inquiries had established that there was no record of either applicant having been born in this country in the years given in the passports. Mr Riza approached the case on the footing that there was no evidence to establish that they were British citizens.

The stamp in the passports of June 4 plainly was not notice under the Immigration Act 1971 giving leave to enter the United Kingdom. It did not give leave because the immigration officer erroneously supposed that the applicants had the right of abode. That was because of the entries in the passports. It was not suggested that the applicants knew that they were false.

In those circumstances the question arose whether the applicants were illegal entrants as defined by section 33 of the Immigration Act 1971.

Prima facie the case was covered by R v Governor of Ashford Remand Centre, Ex parte Bouzagou ([1983] Imm AR 69). The applicants had entered unlawfully because, being unable to discharge the onus of showing that they were British citizens, they needed leave to enter in accordance with the Act, and they had never obtained it.

Mr Riza sought to get round that by pointing to the opening words of section 3(1): "Except as otherwise provided by this Act". Then he turned to paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 which gave power to an immigration officer to examine persons for the purpose of determining "(a) whether any of them is or is not a patrial; and (b) whether, if he is not, he may or may not enter the United Kingdom without leave; and (c) whether, if he may not, he should be given leave . . .".

Mr Riza submitted that it was implicit in that that if an immigration officer supposed that a person was a British citizen or that for some other reason he might enter the United Kingdom without leave, that got over the provisions of section 3.

His Lordship did not accept that argument. First, the opening words of section 3 were concerned with the various overriding provisions in the Act which enabled people to enter without leave even though they were not British citizens.

Second, the provisions of paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 were concerned with the administrative powers of immigration officers in exercising powers under the Act and not with overriding the need for leave under section 3.

Third, whether or not the applicants were innocent, the immigration officer had been misled by the entries in the passports.

It was impossible to conceive in the scheme of the Act a half-way house between a grant of leave under section 3 and a status of irremovability except by deportation because the immigration officer had been misled.

The general principle applied and the applicants were illegal entrants.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Clinton Davis Cushing & Kelly; Treasury Solicitor.

Justices cannot acquit accused in his absence

Director of Public Prosecutions v Gokceli

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Potter

[Judgment October 4]

Where an individual accused of a summary offence presented a defence when interviewed by a police officer and, having acknowledged service of a summons, failed to attend its hearing, justices should adjourn the matter and notify him to appear to plead not guilty.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecution from the dismissal by St Albans magistrates in February 1988 of an information against Ferruh Mesut Gokceli.

Mr Alan Mainds for the appellant; the respondent did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that on July 7, 1987 a Ford motor car was seen being driven the wrong way up a one-way street in St Albans; the registration number of the car, which was at that time owned by the respondent, was reported to the police.

When interviewed on August 7, 1987 the respondent said he ran the car as a taxi and did not know if he had used it in St Albans on July 7, but admitted that nobody else could have been driving it because nobody else was insured to do so. He had added that he was fully aware that the street in question was one way and had specifically denied the offence.

He was in due course summoned to court but had not appeared. The prosecution had adduced in evidence statements by the eye-witness and by the officer to whom the offence had been reported and who had interviewed the respondent, together with a note of that interview.

The magistrates had stated that a reasonable doubt as to the respondent's guilt had been created by the whole of the prosecution evidence and had dismissed the information: but they were not entitled so to do.

Their proper course appeared clearly from Stone's Justices' Manual (120th edition 1988) Part I paragraph 84: they ought to have adjourned the case and notified the respondent that he should attend and plead not guilty. Their decision was quashed and the information remitted for re-hearing by a different bench.

Mr Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, St Albans.

European Law Report Luxembourg

Scope of tort, delict or quasi-delict

Kalfelis v Schröder, Münchmeyer, Hengst and Co and Others

Case 189/87

Before Judge G. Bosco, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges U. Everling, Y. Galmot, R. Joliet, and F. A. Schockweiler

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion June 15, 1988)

[Judgment September 27]

The definition of "matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" included any action relating to a defendant's liability which did not fall within the meaning of "matters relating to a contract" in article 5(1) of the Brussels Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters.

Between March 1980 and July 1981, Mr Kalfelis carried out spot and forward stock exchange transactions in silver with the defendant's Luxembourg subsidiary, through the intermediary of the Frankfurt based defendant bank and the latter's authorized officer.

The forward transactions resulted in a total loss. In his action, Mr Kalfelis sought to obtain the payment of 463,000 Deutsch Marks with interest, from the defendants and their authorized officer as joint creditors.

In addition to contractual liability, his claim was based on tortious liability and on the ground of unjust enrichment under German law.

Schröder, Münchmeyer, Hengst International Bank SA (whose registered office was in Luxembourg), having disputed the jurisdiction of the German court at all stages, the Bundesgerichtshof (Federal Court of Justice) stayed its proceedings and submitted certain questions on the interpretation of the Brussels Convention to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

First question

The first question submitted by the Bundesgerichtshof sought in essence to establish whether, for the purposes of article 6(1) of the Convention, there had to be a connection between the applications made by an applicant against various defendants and, in the affirmative, what was the nature of such a connection.

Section 2 of Title II of the Convention provided for "special jurisdiction" in accordance with which a defendant domiciled in the territory of a contracting state might be sued before the courts of another contracting state.

Among those special areas of jurisdiction was that laid down in article 6(1) according to which a person might be sued "where he is one of a number of defendants, in the courts for the place where any one of them is domiciled".

It was necessary to point out that the principle laid down by the Convention was that of jurisdiction of the courts of the state of the defendant's domicile and that the jurisdiction provided for in article 6(1) was an exception to that principle. It followed that such an exception was to be construed in such a manner that it did not call in question the very existence of that principle.

That might occur if an applicant were free to lodge an application against several defendants for the sole purpose of excluding one of those defendants from the jurisdiction of the court where he was domiciled.

In order to avoid that possibility it was necessary for a connection to exist between the applications made against each defendant.

In order to ensure so far as possible, the equality and uniformity of the rights and obligations which flowed from the Convention for contracting states and persons concerned, it was necessary to determine the nature of that connection independently of national law.

Article 6(1) was justified by the concern to avoid the delivery of decisions in contracting states which would be incompatible as between themselves. That was, moreover, a concern which had been embodied in the Convention itself in article 22, which governed cases where related actions were brought in the courts of different contracting states.

The rule laid down in article 6(1) was therefore applicable when applications brought against different defendants were connected at the time they were introduced, that is to say where it was desirable to investigate and rule upon them together in order to avoid decisions which might be irreconcilable were the cases to be dealt with separately. It was for the national court to establish in each individual case whether that condition were satisfied.

Second question

With regard to the first branch of the question it was necessary to note that the definition of "matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" was a criterion for the definition of the scope of one of the rules of special jurisdiction available to an applicant.

As the Court had ruled in connection with the definition of "matters relating to a contract" in article 5(1), taking into consideration the objective and the general scheme of the Convention it was important not to interpret that definition as a simple reference to the national law of one or other of the states concerned.

It was therefore necessary to regard the definition of "matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" as an autonomous concept which it was necessary to interpret, for the purposes of applying the Convention, by reference principally to the system and objectives of that Convention in order to ensure its full effect.

With a view to ensuring that a uniform solution was adopted in all member states, it had to be accepted that the definition of "matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" included any action which sought to call in question the liability of a defendant and which did not involve "matters relating to a contract" under article 5(1) thereof.

Since articles 5 and 6 of the Convention constituted derogations to the general principle of jurisdiction laid down in article 2, they were to be interpreted strictly.

It was therefore necessary to accept that a court which had jurisdiction under article 5(3) to deal with the part of a claim based upon tort, was not necessarily competent to deal with other elements of the same claim which were based on non-tortious liability.

Although it was true that there might be some inconvenience where the different parts of one case were to be ruled upon by different courts, it was necessary to observe, on one hand, that it was always possible for the applicant to bring the whole of his claim before the courts of the defendant's domicile and, on the other hand, that article 22 of the Convention, under certain conditions, enabled the court first seised to deal with the whole dispute, if the claims brought before different courts were connected.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice (Fifth Chamber) ruled:

1 For the application of article 6(1) of the Convention there must exist a connection between the various claims made by one applicant against different defendants, such that it was desirable to rule upon them together in order to avoid solutions which might be irreconcilable if the cases were ruled upon separately.

2(a) The definition of "matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" in article 5(3) of the Convention was to be regarded as an autonomous concept including any action which sought to call in question liability of a defendant and which was not connected with "matters relating to a contract" under article 5(1).

(b) A court which had jurisdiction pursuant to article 5(3) to deal with part of an action based upon tort did not have jurisdiction to deal with other elements of the same claim which were based on non-tortious grounds.

Results of the Michaelmas Bar exams will be published on Friday October 7.

Glencroft to sustain Chapman's remarkable sprint handicap run

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Stillington trainer David Chapman will no doubt have his own personal high spot of the season. For me, he reached the pinnacle last Friday when he won sprint handicaps at Goodwood, Haydock and Newmarket with Glencroft, Chaplins Club and Scotch Imp.

Glencroft and Scotch Imp were running for the nineteenth time this season while Chaplins Club was having his twentieth race. Together they had won 21 of those races.

Then, to cap it all, Chaplins Club reappeared at Haydock the very next day and won yet again to take his tally to the season to nine, equalling his previous best of 1985.

Today, visitors to York will have the pleasure of seeing both Glencroft and Chaplins Club in action yet again as they endeavour to win the Barclays Unicorn Trophy. Interestingly the two have been drawn alongside one another.

David Chapman: two-handed in York's Unicorn Trophy

With Chaplins Club now penalized 10lb for his latest victory, I just prefer Glencroft, even though the 7lb penalty he picked up at Goodwood has increased his weight to 10st 3lb.

There is an old saying in racing that a horse can give weight away in sprints but not start. Glencroft certainly cannot be accused of that.

Since blinkers were fitted on him for the first time at Ripon in August, he has made a consistently fast break from the stalls, one of those occasions being on Knavesmire last month when he made all the running to win the Lawrence Batley Handicap over six furlongs.

Last Friday's race showed that he is now equally effective over the minimum trip and I believe that, even with Chaplins Club in opposition, Glencroft will prove extremely hard to catch.

Elegant Rose is taken to win the BBC Radio Leeds Nursery now that she is racing over seven furlongs again. More importantly, she has a low draw which I regard as essential at the start of the York dog-leg.

At Nottingham eight days ago the Willie Musson-trained filly, who had been beaten only half a length by Skazka in her previous race at Newbury, had her race won at this distance. In the end, though, she was just run out of it over an extended mile by West Wretham.

At Salisbury, **Basic Star** is taken to win the Fonthill Handicap following that sound effort last time out at Ayr where she finished third to Chadenshe and Brizlincote. The first and second both lent credence to the form by winning at Newmarket last week.

Trojan Heart, who showed promise at Doncaster first time out, can initiate a double for Basic Star's trainer, Peter Walwyn, by winning part one of division one of the Marlborough Maiden Stakes.

Part two should go to the Queen's colt, **Hall Of Mirrors**, who also caught the eye in his *first and only race* at Doncaster.

Following promising runs at Leicester and Newbury respectively, **Greensmith** (4.45) and **Gouriev** (5.45) are taken to win the two parts of the other division.

On the jumping front, **Muhajjal** (2.15) looks the best at Cheltenham after romping home by 15 lengths at Fontwell four weeks ago.

At Perth, it is hard to oppose George Moore's course and distance winner **Raisabillion** in the Tulloch Novices' Chase.

Squadron causes confusion

A horse listed in *The Racing Calendar* as "not qualified" to run will take part in the last race at Perth today.

Squadron, a five-year-old gelding by Hills Forecast out of French Salvo and bred in the Isle Of Man, has been given the *all clear to run by Weatherbys* in the Grunwick Stakes National Hunt Flat Race.

The confusion arose because of the existence of another horse of the same name and age, trained in Ireland by Dermot Weld.

Weld's Squadron, by Vice Regent out of Quadrillion and bred in Canada, has been running on the Flat in Ireland since he was a three-year-old and is a dual winner.

No horse which has run under any recognized rules of Flat racing may take part in a National Hunt flat race, hence the "not qualified" listing in *The Racing Calendar*.

Bell, who trains a team of 20 jumpers at Castleford in Yorkshire, explained: "When I saw the Calendar I got on to Weatherbys straightaway. They had got the two horses muddled up and admitted their mistake."

Squadron will be a first ride in public for Rachel Halden, aged 16, who only recently left school. She has been helping out at Bell's yard for the past three years.

Coolmore stallions take early honours

From Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, Kill

Lomond and Caerleon, the young Coolmore stallions, dominated the early proceedings at the opening session of the *Cartier Million Sale at Kill* yesterday.

James Delahooke paid Ir265,000 guineas for a filly by *Lomond out of Hotel De Ville* and the Curragh Bloodstock Agency gave 130,000 Irish guineas for a colt by the 1983 2,000 Guineas winner out of Helaplane.

The two yearlings by Caerleon sold during the early period fetched Ir110,000 guineas and Ir100,000 guineas respectively.

Earlier in the afternoon the downward trend at this year's international yearling sales had continued when the 102 lots sold averaged Ir11,443 guineas compared with Ir16,565 guineas in 1987.

The interesting aspect of the three-day evening selection sessions will be to see to what extent the demand of the Cartier Million will reverse or stabilize the current trend.

The average at the Newmarket Highflyer Sales last week was 88,060 guineas, well down on the 1987 average of 96,710. And the median average, that is to say the figure halfway between the top and bottom in the catalogue, was also down 8,000 guineas.

Although the fact that there were three yearlings sold at Newmarket for one million guineas or more — the first seven-figure yearlings sold in *Europe for four years* — this masked the generally disappointing figures.

For example there were only *11 yearlings sold for 300,000* guineas or more, compared with 21 a year ago. And in the 200,000 guineas-plus range, there were only *26* compared with 40 in 1987.

All yearlings sold during this particular sale will be eligible for next October's *Cartier Million*, the richest two-year-old race in the world.

Kennett Valley, Thoroughbreds, the owners of Miss Demure and French Pretender, the second and third horses behind Corwyn Bay at Phoenix Park last Saturday, earnt Ir£300,000 for their connections, only Ir£29,000 less than Kahyasi earnt when winning the Irish Derby for the Aga Khan in July.

Assessing the situation, John Warren, the bloodstock agent responsible for picking out Miss Demure and French Pretender last year, said: "It looks sure to be a very strong sale. There are some very nice individuals. Last year there were only six that I was interested in, in my price range. This time I have 20 on my list."

Wyer aims to return this month

By Christopher Goulding

Lorcan Wyer, who broke his right femur when Run And Skip fell at Wetherby six months ago, is expected to resume race-riding before the end of the month.

"I am feeling great and have started riding out three lots every day," said the 24-year-old Irishman. "The Jockeys' Association sent me to the Lilleshall Centre where I spent a fortnight getting fit.

"My leg was broken in a *couple of places*. It was a bit messy and took some time to get right. It now feels good and I am confident of race-riding before the end of the month."

Wyer, who is in his third season riding in this country, will again be riding principally for Peter Easterby. "*I will* also ride for Mick Easterby and Colin Tinkler and have the help of Chris Pimlott, the agent, to secure rides from anyone else who wants me."

Nohalmdun, on whom Wyer finished fourth in the Champion Hurdle, is expected to go novice chasing this season.

Ted Halmshaw, the gelding's owner, said: "The plan at the moment is to send him over fences with the Arkle at Cheltenham the objective. However, if he does not take to fences he will revert to hurdling."

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Small Fee.
2.30 Bourbon Topsy.
3.00 GLENCROFT (nap).
3.30 Greek Flutter.
4.00 Elegant Rose.
4.30 Simply Swell.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 —
2.30 Bourbon Topsy.
3.00 *Music Review.*
3.30 Light Romance.
4.00 Ela-Ayabi-Mou.
4.30 Promegg.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 Carina Belle.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 BOURBON TOPSY.

Going: firm ***Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best***

2.0 BBC RADIO CLEVELAND SELLING STAKES (£3,849: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (7) 000050 BATON BOY 13 (D,G) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 7-9-6 ... K Darley —
2 (13) *600050 CRETE CARGO 15 (D,F,S) (K T Ivory) K Ivory 5-9-6 ... R Cochrane* —
7 (19) 000-000 MR KEWMILL 7 (G) (P Purdy) J Bennett 5-9-6 ... K Fallon —
9 (15) 42-0130 BREAKFAST IN BED 8 (D,G) (C Rennison) W Haigh 5-9-3 ... N Day 84
10 (12) 0-00001 CALAHONDA BAY 5 (D,G,S) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 3-9-3 ... D Nicholls 85
12 (18) 600050 LIME BROOK 15 (V,G) (A Fletcher) B Morgan 4-9-3 ... G Hind (5) —
14 (17) *0-00000 MY SERENADE 16 (D,F) (D Holmes) P Bevan 4-9-3 ... J Quinn (3)* —
15 (3) 331460 PATS ORACLE 20 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs J Berry) J Berry 3-9-3 ... J Carroll 82
16 (14) 4-56000 PRIESTGATE 6 (F) (R Speechley) J Wharton 3-9-3 ... P Walsh (7) ● 99
17 (2) 400400 UPTOWN GIRL 13 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs J Lockwood) D Chapman 8-9-3 ... S Webster 87
18 (16) 606300- BLACK SPOUT 39J (D Malam) P Bevan 7-9-0 ... N Carlisle —
22 (1) 000000 *MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 42 (D,F)* (C Cousins) P Burgoyne 4-9-0 ... A Tucker (7) —
23 (20) 05600/0 NATIVE PAWN 110 (F Lee) F Lee 4-9-0 ... S Perks —
24 (9) 120050 SMALL FEE 5 (S) (Mrs G Hallett) M Brittain 3-9-0 ... M Wigham 95
25 (4) 005000 VORTRACK 37 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0 ... — 72
27 (11) *4-60000 HELLO SANDICLIFFE 9 (B) (T Wellard) P Makin 3-8-11 ... B Raymond* 81
29 (10) 060006 MASTER TYKE 16 (B) (M Hall) S Bowring 3-8-11 ... A Proud 72
30 (8) 030000 NATIVE RIVER 20 (Mrs F Bentley) W Bentley 3-8-11 ... M Birch 89
32 (6) 003003 SURELY GREAT 8 (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-8-11 ... J Reid 89
33 (5) 023330 VILMAX 13 (E Gathin) B McMahon 5-8-11 ... Dean McKeown 62

BETTING: 7-2 Priestgate, 5-1 Calahonda Bay, 7-1 Small Fee, 8-1 Uptown Girl, 10-1 Breakfast In Bed, Pats Oracle, 12-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SMALL FEE disappointed over 5f last time when finishing 9th of 15 to Chaplins Club at Haydock last Friday but would have a sound chance judged on her earlier 6½l 5th of 23 behind Uncle Ernie (rec 17lb) at Ayr (6f) with PATS ORACLE (15lb worse off) ¾l away 8th, CALAHONDA BAY (12lb worse off) 22nd and NATIVE RIVER (10lb worse off) last.
BREAKFAST IN BED probably needed the run last time, her first for 4 months, and would have a good chance on her 2l 3rd to Gershwin (levels) at Pontefract (6f) in May. SURELY GREAT is still a maiden after 33 starts but put up her best effort to date when a 3l 3rd to Thatcherne (rec 14lb) at Nottingham (6f) with BREAKFAST IN BED (1lb worse off) 5l away 9th.
UPTOWN GIRL from David Chapman's in-form stable has won three times this season, but would need to improve
Selection: SMALL FEE

2.30 BBC *RADIO HUMBERSIDE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,394: 1m 6f)* (3 runners)

2 (2) 123581 BOURBON TOPSY 20 (F,S) (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 9-4 . Paul Eddery ● 99
3 (3) 4-144 FENOON 99 (G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) I Balding 9-1 ... R Cochrane 83
6 (1) 2 *PELEUS 173 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan* 85

BETTING: 5-4 Bourbon Topsy, 13-8 Peleus, 3-1 Fenoon.

1987: OVERDRIVE 9-0 S Cauthen (2-9 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM PELEUS from the all-conquering *Henry Cecil stable can defy a long* racecourse absence. He created a favourable impression on his only start to date when finishing a 4l 2nd to Kalakate (levels) in a 21 runner field at Newbury (1m 3f). He ran on well that day and the *longer trip should suit him better today.*
The obvious danger is BOURBON TOPSY who beat Arcticflow (rec 2lb) 1l at Ayr (1m 7f) last time. *However, she appeared to need all of that trip only* hitting the front close home and the shorter trip may not be in her favour.
FENOON has not been out since finishing a 4l 4th to Cesarewitch ante-post favourite Nomadic Way (rec *11lb) at Newbury in June (1m 5f 60yd).*
Selection: PELEUS

3.0 BARCLAYS UNICORN TROPHY (Handicap: £4,233: 5f) (13 runners)

1 (7) 112031 GLENCROFT 5 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (M Wane) D Chapman 4-10-3 (7ex) ... S Webster 94
3 (12) 006230 J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 12 (D,F,S) (S Astaire) C Tinkler 3-9-9 ... R Cochrane 92
4 (6) 002011 CHAPLINS CLUB 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 8-9-11 (10ex) ... K Darley 93
5 (1) 203100 ROYAL FAN 28 (CD,F,G,S) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 5-9-4 ... M Birch 97
6 (2) 004048 LIVELY PEBBLES 12 (B,D,G) (A Smith) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 ... J Reid 92
8 (10) 646000 DERWENT VALLEY 12 (C,F,S) (D Buchanan) R Hannon 4-8-7 ... B Raymond 90
10 (8) 640000 HYDE PRINCESS 8 (D,F,G) (F Downes) R Whitaker 3-8-2 ... J Quinn (3) 82
11 (3) 301054 NORTH OF WATFORD 12 (CD,F) (R Aylward) J H Wilson 3-8-0 ... B Crossley ● 99
15 (9) 042250 SULLY'S CHOICE 12 (V,D,F,G,S) (W Chapman) D Chapman 7-8-0 ... A Proud 98
18 (5) 001600 SANDITTON PALACE 5 (D,F,G) (J Abell) P Felgate 5-7-8 ... A Mackay 96
19 (4) 300101 BELLA SEVILLE 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (H Duddin) T Barron 4-7-8 (7ex) ... L Charnock 86
20 (13) 210000 DENSBEN 21 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 4-7-7 ... N Carlisle 94
21 (11) 004002 MUSIC REVIEW 5 (D,F,G,S) (Movedive Ltd) M Tompkins 5-7-7 ... R Fox 93

Long handicap: Music Review 7-6.

BETTING: 11-4 Glencroft, 4-1 Chaplins Club, 11-2 North of Watford, 7-1 Royal Royal Fan, 8-1 Sully's Choice, Lively Pebbles, 10-1 J Cheever Loophole, 12-1 other.

1987: GALLANT HOPE 5-7-13 N Carlisle (7-1) L Cottrell 15 ran

FORM David Chapman has a particularly strong hand in this race with prolific winners GLENCROFT, CHAPLINS CLUB and well-weighted SULLY'S CHOICE. Slight preference is for GLENCROFT who showed the benefit of a return to the minimum trip when easily accounting for P J Kelly (rec 7lb) by 2½l at Goodwood (5f). He will make *a bold bid to make all.*
CHAPLINS CLUB was registering his ninth win of the season when beating Dorking Lad (rec 2lb) ½l at Haydock (6f) but he is badly weighted with MUSIC REVIEW (9lb better off for a 1½l beating) on his previous Haydock victory (5f).
NORTH OF WATFORD, who won at the Ebor meeting here, ran his best race for a while last time when a 2½l 4th of 23 to Durasingh (gave 1lb) at Ascot (5f) with LIVELY PEBBLES (3lb worse off) 1½l away 6th and DERWENT VALLEY, SULLYS CHOICE, CHAPLINS CLUB and J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE all out of the first 10.
Selection: GLENCROFT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	26	71	36.6	Dean McKeown	5	31	16.1
B Hanbury	11	52	21.2	*Paul Eddery*	6	41	14.6
G Wragg	12	57	21.1	R Fox	4	32	12.5
I Balding	9	48	18.8	R Cochrane	11	98	11.2
D Chapman	3	24	12.5	(Only qualifiers)			
C Nelson	4	36	11.1				

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Muhajjal.
2.50 Giolla Padraig.
3.25 Over And Above.
4.00 Handy Trick.
4.35 My Cup Of Tea.
5.10 Liadett.

Going: firm

2.15 WHOLESALE GROCERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,917: 2m) (13 runners)

2 005-11 LUCY LASTIC 39 (D,F,S) (B Waddington) W Clay 4-11-7 ... Diane Clay (4) 86
3 *PP4/-1 MUHAJJAL 28 (F) (Dr C O'Doherty) J Gifford 6-11-7 ... R Rowe* 96
11 P660-00 FIRST RANK 12 (Mrs G Grant) Mrs J Croft 5-11-1 ... S Moore 79
12 000- GEE UP 168 (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 5-11-1 ... I Lawrence (7) —
14 005520- JUST AQUITTED 184 (J Mahon) J Mahon 7-11-1 ... Gee Armytage 98
17 U6F3P SARENA TANKS 18 (J Joseph) J Joseph 6-11-1 ... R Goldstein 81
18 P6P0-P0 SONG AN'DANCE MAN 19 (W Lee) Mrs A Lee 5-11-1 ... B de Haan —
20 0P000-3 WATERSMEET DOWN 14 (R Wright) P Hobbs 5-11-1 ... Peter Hobbs 82
21 6 WHAT A FOX 14 (Miss F O'Riordan) J Crowley 6-11-1 ... — —
23 0040- FALWORTH 173 (B) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 4-11-0 ... K Mooney ● 99
28 0 NORMAN INVADER 12 (BF) (D Russell) M Pipe 4-11-0 ... P Scudamore —
30 531-F BELSPRIT LADY 25 (F) (Major H Porter) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-10 ... D Leahy (7) —
33 6 GLENCAIRN LASS 11 (B Lewis) Miss A King 4-10-9 ... A Webb —

BETTING: 7-4 Muhajjal, 7-2 Lucy Lastic, 5-1 Norman Invader, 6-1 Just Aquitted, 10-1 Falworth, 12-1 *Belsprit Lady*, 14-1 Watersmeet Down, 16-1 others.

1987: HIGHFIRE 5-11-1 M Caswell (16-1) O O'Neill 8 ran

2.50 INDEPENDENT RETAILERS HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,173: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

2 0111-12 GIOLLA PADRAIG 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 10-12-0 ... A Costello (7) 95
5 336145- ATATAHO 221 (F,S) (B Scott) J Roberts 12-11-1 ... P Scholfield ● 99
6 125540- LANDING BOARD 181 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 10-10-13 ... T Grantham 97
9 16215P- LATIN AMERICAN 182 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (J Ritchie) T Forster 11-10-11 ... M Armytage 93
10 30P014 PENDOR LAWN 15 (D,F,G) (P O'Connor) P O'Connor 11-10-11 (7ex) ... G Hanmer (7) 90
13 3P512-3 EIGHT SPRINGS 12 (BF,F) (B Munro-Wilson) Mrs E Heath 7-10-6 ... P Harding Jones (7) 92
15 6124-32 SASSANOCO 19 (D,F,G,S) (M Pascall) K Bailey 7-10-2 ... A Tory (7) 96
17 3/P2/21- PARCELSTOWN 401 (F) (W Norris) P Bailey 11-10-0 ... W Norris (7) 91
18 3563-40 SILVER SNOW 19 (F) (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 10-10-0 ... Miss J Scott (7) 77

BETTING: 5-4 Giolla Padraig, 3-1 Landing Board, 9-2 Latin American, 8-1 Sassanoco, 12-1 Eight Springs, 16-1 others.

1987: OUR FUN 10-11-3 C Burnett-Wells (2-1) J Gifford 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Jenkins	10	47	21.3	S Sherwood	17	101	16.8
F Walwyn	15	72	20.8	Richard Guest	3	18	16.7
N Henderson	18	105	17.1	P Scudamore	25	174	14.4
P Hobbs	4	28	14.3	K Mooney	9	66	13.6
W A Stephenson	4	31	12.9	*G Mernagh*	4	33	12.1
M Pipe	11	86	12.8	R Dunwoody	17	153	11.1

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3.30 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (£4,467: 1m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

4 (4) 133266 BUSTED ROCK 12 (BF,G) (Elisha Holding) Miss M Piggott 3-9-10 ... J Reid 94
7 (10) 603500 SAMHAAN 58 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 6-9-6 ... *Paul Eddery* 95
12 (1) 222031 BIRSTWITH 21 (S) (D Aykroyd) C Elsey 3-9-4 ... G Carter 97
14 (3) 220-000 YOUNG BENZ 35 (G,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 4-9-2 ... M Birch 86
15 (2) 221101 GREEK FLUTTER 22 (F,G) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-0 ... K Fallon (3) 94
16 (5) 0-00411 LIGHT ROMANCE 15 (F) (R Richards) C Brittain 3-8-13 (8ex) ... R Cochrane 86
17 (6) 011505 FLEET SPECIAL 37J (D,F,G) (I Matthews) I Matthews 6-8-12 ... N Day 91
21 (11) 6-66601 CATHEDRAL PEAK 4 (D,S) (P Deal) S Norton 4-8-12 (8ex) ... L Charnock ● 99
23 (9) 005350 THE MAGUE 13 (B,D,F,G) (R Jenkinson) Miss L Siddall 4-8-1 ... S Wood (5) 93
24 (7) 621250 MOHSSEN 4 (D,F) (L Barratt) L Barratt 7-8-1 ... NON-RUNNER —
26 (6) 003000 PHILOTAS 22 (V,D,G) (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 4-7-7 ... P Dalton (7) 94

Long handicap: Philotas 7-4.

BETTING: 5-2 Birstwith, 100-30 Busted Rock, 9-2 Cathedral Peak, 5-1 Greek Flutter, 7-1 Light Romance, 10-1 Fleet Special, 12-1 others.

1987: RED TWILIGHT 3-8-3 Dean McKeown (13-2) R Whitaker 9 ran

FORM Top-weight BUSTED ROCK has been running consistently since landing a maiden at Sandown (1m 2f) in June, but his performances at Newbury, *caught close home by* Kazaviyna, and more recently at Ascot (1m 2f) when over 7l 6th to Dust Devil, suggest he lacks finishing speed and will need a fast early pace to produce his best here.
BIRSTWITH gained a fully deserved success when beating Beau Sher 2½l at Ayr (1m) last month. He will appreciate any cut in the ground, but tackles this trip for the first time. LIGHT ROMANCE defied a 4lb penalty to beat Rustic Comedy 1l at Sandown (1m 2f) last month, looks to be on the up-grade and should give a good account of herself here despite *an 8lb penalty.*
CATHEDRAL PEAK returned to form when winning an amateur riders race by 1l from Rio Piedras at Haydock (1m2f) last Saturday with MOHSSEN (11lb better off) well-beaten. CATHEDRAL PEAK faces a stiffer task *here, but looks well handicapped on his* best form.
Selection: BUSTED ROCK

4.0 BBC RADIO LEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,891: 7f) (19 runners)

1 (17) 12100 WOODLAND STEPS 27 (D,F) (R Smith) Miss L Siddall 9-7 ... — 98
4 (10) 321140 PREMIER PRINCE 12 (S) (Premier Properties Ltd) W Pearce 8-13 ... D Nicholls 99
5 (12) 150 AARDVARK 19 (G) (Mrs M Pollard-Gill) R Whitaker 8-10 ... Dean McKeown 81
6 (15) 343181 STOLON TIME 8 (S) (A Downing) J Glover 8-10 (7ex) ... M Wigham 91
8 (4) 830285 ZEPAGAS 36 (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 8-8 ... W Ryan 89
9 (19) 11531 TANODA 20 (D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-8 (10ex) ... A Munro (5) 83
11 (16) 61031 FOOLISH BEHAVIOUR 37 (D,F,G) (Mrs N J Sutton) S Norton 8-6 ... J Lowe 90
12 (13) 4250 PETITE ROSANNA 37 (T Mills) W Carter 8-6 ... J Reid 92
13 (9) 0238 CLUZO 23 (BF) (Mrs J Sinclair) M Tompkins 8-5 ... R Cochrane 87
15 (8) 028 BUZZARDS SON 43 (Comcharm Ltd) H Collingridge 8-2 ... M Rimmer 98
17 (6) 532 SKELLIG 23 (Mrs A Coughlan) J Wainwright 8-1 ... S Morris 82
18 (18) 50551 ELA-AYABI-MOU 12 (D,F) (N Tiofali) J Payne 8-1 (10ex) ... J Quinn (3) 87
20 (5) 060 YOUNG MOON 26 *(W Nilsen) John FitzGerald 7-11* ... R Fox 81
25 (14) 433 CARINA BELLE 50 (BF) (Greenland Park Ltd) I Balding 7-9 ... M Marshall (5) ● 99
29 (3) 02022 ELEGANT ROSE 8 (E Badger) W Musson 7-7 ... A Mackay 96
30 (2) 610 ELOFAHABIT 19 (F) (D Brereton) L Barratt 7-7 ... A Proud 95
31 (1) 000 KEEP BIDDING 61 (B) (Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) M W Easterby 7-7 ... N Carlisle 86
32 (7) 35060 OUTSTANDING BILL 12 (J Hibbitt) J Jefferson 7-7 ... S Wood (5) 87
33 (11) 50120 ANOTHER MARCH 12 (BF,G) (T Wilson) T Barron 7-7 ... L Charnock 88

Long handicap: Keep Bidding 7-4, Outstanding Bill 7-1, Another March 7-0.

BETTING: 6-1 Carina Belle, 7-1 Elegant Rose, 15-2 Foolish Behaviour, 8-1 Premier Prince, 9-1 Zepagas, *10-1 Cluzo, Tanoda, 12-1 Elofahabit, 14-1 Another March, 16-1 Ela-Ayabi-Mou, 20-1 others.*

1987: STILL SURPRISED 10-1 Dean McKeown (100-30 fav) R Whitaker 11 ran

FORM With rain forecast STOLON TIME could have conditions in her favour. *She stayed on well at Hamilton (6f) to win by 2½l and* should appreciate the extra furlong here.
SKELLIG managed only a 10l 5th to Scenic over course and distance on his penultimate start, but seemed to come to hand at Hamilton last time (CLUZO *held) and could run a big race here.* ELA-AYABI-MOU finally confirmed early season promise with ½l beating of Doubtfire in a similar event at Redcar last time, but faces a stiff task under a 10lb penalty.
CARINA BELLE has shown definite promise in her three runs to date, the latest being 1½l 3rd to Marchinella at Folkestone. She should appreciate the extra distance here and has strong claims off this low weight. The handicapper looks to have taken few chances with ARRDVARK and he is unlikely to produce his best here, while *ELOFAHABIT looks as though he would appreciate* the drop back to 5f.
Selection: CARINA BELLE

4.30 BBC RADIO YORK MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,012: 1m) (13 runners)

3 (6) 0 KAYEM 193 (K MacPherson) P Calver 8-8 ... W Ryan —
6 (4) 00 PERSIAN REDWOOD 22 (Mrs J Leek) D Arbuthnot 8-8 ... W Ryan —
7 (8) 005 PROMEGG 32 (Miss H Gevers) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8 ... G Carter 85
8 (2) 6 SIMPLY SWELL 43 (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 8-8 ... R Cochrane 87
11 (12) 450 DIVA MADONNA 28 (C Rowles Nicholson) C Elsey 8-6 ... N Connorton 97
12 (7) 5 BAYFORD *ENERGY 22 (Mrs J Turner) R Whitaker 8-5 ... Dean McKeown* ● 99
18 (9) 032 JOE BUMPAS 9 (W Spink) T Barron 8-5 ... D Nicholls 95
20 (13) 4 PERUZZI 35 (T Barker) E Weymes 8-5 ... K Darley 97
22 (3) SHOWDOWN (D Adams) R Simpson 8-5 ... B Raymond —
25 (10) 6 SIR RUFUS 30 (N Wilson) C Nelson 8-5 ... J Reid 89
26 (11) 00 VISUAL STAR 5 (Mrs H Mills) M Brittain 8-5 ... M Wigham —
27 (1) 004 MISS SIMONE 22 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 8-3 ... Paul Eddery 86
30 (5) 0 WAVERLEY GIRL 34 (N Strange) J Wainwright 8-0 ... S Morris —

BETTING: 4-1 Joe Bumpas, 5-1 Sir Rufus, 13-2 Bayford Energy, 8-1 Diva Madonna, 9-1 Simply Swell, 10-1 Miss Simone, Promegg. 12-1 Peruzzi, 14-1 others.

1987: VALE OF DANUTA 8-8 M Roberts (6-1) A Stewart 21 ran

FORM BAYFORD ENERGY, *half-brother to* winning stablemate Four Star Thrust, makes most appeal. He ran 6½l 5th to Les Mains Douche on his debut at Redcar early last month, being tenderly ridden and should improve for the race. Furthermore, he *finds himself 9lb better off* with JOE BUMPAS who was well-beaten on that occasion. The latter has improved with racing and was 4l 2nd to Moon Reef (rec 5lb) at Hamilton (1m 40yd) last time and should be thereabouts today.
SIMPLY SWELL was 8½l 9th to Headquarters on his debut, (PROMEGG held), dropping away inside the final 2f, but doesn't face such stiff opposition this time.
SIR RUFUS also made a reasonable racing debut when 8l 6th to Code Satin at Nottingham (1m 50yd) last month, making headway 3f out after a slow start, and should improve on that here.
Selection: BAYFORD ENERGY

3.25 WHOLESALE CHEMISTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,481: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

2 041512- OVER AND ABOVE 140 (G,S) (Mrs I Wills) N Henderson 6-11-10 ... J Railton (7) 89
4 062411- KNIGHT'S HEIR 128 (D,F,G,S) (R Riley) O Brennan 7-11-2 ... M Brennan 98
5 3000-F1 GALAWOOD 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Broadbent) C Beever 7-10-13 (6ex) ... C Dennis (4) ● 99
8 2-13430 CAN'T DISCLOSE 4 (V,F) (Mrs J Fountain) S Dow 7-10-8 ... R Guest 97
9 0-31P50 LITTLE LONDON 4 (B,D,F,G) (T Morton) T Morton 9-10-0 ... H Davies —
11 00 LION HILL 7 (CD,F) (Mrs T Bulgin) T Bulgin 11-10-0 ... — —
12 0/00000- RAVELSTON 303 (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 5-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
13 0P0000- INFINITE STAR 160 (Miss R J Hamer) Miss R Hamer 8-10-0 ... Miss S Baxter (7) —

Long handicap: Little London 9-13, Lion Hill 9-7, Ravelston 8-13, Infinite Star 8-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Over And Above, 5-2 Galawood, 4-1 Knight's Heir, 6-1 Can't Disclose, 8-1 Little London, 33-1 others.

1987: MISS NERO 6-10-7 B Dowling (2-1) R Lee 8 ran

4.0 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CHILDLINE APPEAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,557: 3m) (5 runners)

1 211121- HANDY TRICK 139 (D,F,G,S) (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 7-11-10 ... A Merrigan 98
2 33F-369 SAM DA VINCI 11 (CD,F,G,S) (J Wilson) J Blundell 9-11-7 ... M Brennan ● 99
4 56132-3 GRATIFICATION 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) (C Brooks) C Brooks 11-10-1 ... P Scudamore 98
5 4023-15 WOODSIDE ROAD 11 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Prowting) D Nicholson 8-10-0 (6ex) *R Dunwoody* 97
6 334-121 TURN BLUE 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Wilson) R Champion 9-10-0 (6ex) ... R Rowe 89

Long handicap: Woodside Road 9-10, Turn Blue 8-3.

BETTING: *15-8* Handy Trick, 5-2 Gratification, 3-1 Woodside Road, 6-1 Sam Da Vinci, 8-1 Turn Blue.

1987: CELTIC HAMLET 8-10-0 R Goldstein (22-1) J Long 6 ran

4.35 COLGATE ORAL CARE NOVICES CHASE (£3,687: 2m) (7 runners)

1 011110 MY CUP OF TEA 4 (D,F) (Mrs E King) M Pipe 5-11-4 ... P Scudamore ● 99
4 3F-2343 FATHER PADDY 18 (P Morgan) J Webber 6-11-1 ... G Mernagh 94
7 426036- SCALE THE HEIGHTS 138 (P Buckley) K White 9-11-1 ... N Coleman 98
8 223040- VINCANTO 170 (G) (Mrs C Clatworthy) J Gifford 6-11-1 ... R Rowe —
9 32-3322 PELLS CLOSE 14 (S) (J Bird) S Dow 5-11-0 ... R Guest 88
10 0/6F0- ROD OF IRON 306 (Miss T Smart) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-0 ... R Goldstein —
11 5600-13 SOHAIL 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs E Gittins) J White 5-11-0 ... K Burke 97

BETTING: 5-2 My Cup Of Tea, 7-2 Vincanto, 9-2 Pells Close, 6-1 Sohail, 8-1 Father Paddy, 10-1 Scale The Heights, 12-1 Rod Of Iron.

1987: NO CORESPONDING RACE

5.10 HOUSE OF PALMOLIVE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,931: 2m) (17 runners)

1 1P11 ROYAL DERBI 11 (D,F) (J Lockhart) N Callaghan 11-3 ... D Murphy —
3 11 LIADETT 28 (F) (F Ferrant) M Pipe 10-13 ... P Scudamore —
5 14 TAPAGEUR 11 (D,BF,F) (Mrs K Devonport) F Jordan 10-13 ... C Smith —
7 BEN ZABEEDY 2F (Mrs A Salaman) D O'Donnell 10-10 ... — —
9 54 EL CASTILLO 18 (S Grove) R Brotherton 10-10 ... Mr G Hanmer (7) —
10 FINAL TOP (W Wood) H Willis 10-10 ... K Burke —
11 GLYMPTON (C Tidmus) C Tidmus 10-10 ... M Richards —
12 50 GOLDEN SONATA 18 (Mrs J Harmsworth) M McCormack 10-10 ... C Cox —
16 4360 LENDING HAND 37 (J Joseph) J Joseph 10-10 ... R Goldstein —
17 23 LOBRIC 11 (T Ounsley) J Jenkins 10-10 ... S Sherwood —
18 42 NISCARA 21 (P Tosh) R Frost 10-10 ... J Frost —
19 0 ORIGAMI 18 (F Trickett) W Price 10-10 ... C Llewellyn —
22 34 RAINBOW BRITE 43 (V,BF) (G Bateman) Miss B Sanders 10-10 ... I Shoemark (4) —
25 SEXTON 51F (N Ayliffe) N Ayliffe 10-10 ... M Ayliffe —
26 TANG 69F (*Miss S Hamilton*) D Wintle 10-10 ... A Carroll —
32 233 WINGCOMMANDER EATS 18 (J Joseph) P Hobbs 10-10 ... Peter Hobbs —
34 31 LESBET 21 (F) (Mrs L Carlson) C Wildman 10-5 ... R Vaughan (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Liadett, 100-30 Royal Derbi, 5-1 Lesbet, 6-1 Lobric, 8-1 Tang, 10-1 *Tapageur*, 14-1 Rainbow Brite, 16-1 others.

1987: RIVERS SECRET 10-12 C Grant (3-1) Denys Smith 18 ran

SALISBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Trojan Heart. 2.45 Chummy's Charm. 3.15 Hall Of Mirrors. 3.45 Basic Star. 4.15 Stride Home. 4.45 Greensmith. 5.15 Wishlon. 5.45 Gouriev.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Binkley. 2.45 Ihtithar. 3.45 Yaheeb. 4.15 Tourmalien. 5.15 BELMOREDEAN (nap).

By Michael Seely

3.15 HALL OF MIRRORS (nap). 5.45 Gouriev.

Going: good to firm
Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.15 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 1: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £1,878: 7f) (14 runners)

1 ALSEMERO N Gaselee 9-0 ... B Rouse 3
4 0 BINKLEY 15 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 11
10 DUSKY DAI M Usher 9-0 ... D McKay 12
16 8 HILL'S HALO 72 J Edwards 9-0 ... W Carson 13
22 0 NEARROE 38 P Makin 9-0 ... M Roberts 14
25 00 PASHM 89 O O'Neill 9-0 ... — 8
29 0 SAFAWAN 32 M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 6
32 0 SCHWEPPES TIME 21 R Williams 9-0 ... M Hills 10
37 5 SPRING RAG 86 G Balding 9-0 ... J Williams 9
39 0 ST VILLE 40 J Bethell 9-0 ... P Cook 1
41 TOPS ALL J Hills 9-0 ... R Hills 4
42 5 TROJAN HEART 28 P Walwyn 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 7
43 VESTAL HILLS I Balding 9-0 ... T Ives 2
45 0 WHITE RIVER 15 D Haydn Jones 9-0 ... G Baxter 5

13-8 Safawan, 3-1 Trojan Heart, 7-1 White River, Binkley, 9-1 Vestal Hills, 10-1 Spring Rag, 16-1 others.

2.45 CRANBORNE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,023: 6f) (21)

2 1242 IHTITHAR 22 (B,D,BF,G) A Stewart 9-7 ... M Roberts 6
3 6160 ISLA BRIDGE 6 (B,CD,F,G) J Payne 9-6 ... G Duffield 5
6 1282 SISTER CHABRIAS 5 (V,D,F) M Haynes 9-2 P Cook 15
7 0250 PANDA PRINCE 96 (BF,S) P Cole 9-2 ... T Quinn 8
8 1090 VICEROY JESTER 15 (D,S) R Holder 9-0 J Williams 17
9 2134 DIVINE PET 14 (D,F) W Wightman 9-0 ... B Rouse 13
10 3390 SWING LUCKY 19 (S) K Ivory 8-12 ... T Ives 11
11 0004 GENERAL SILKY 20 G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills 16
13-1190 AJJAJ 16 (D,BF,F,G) J Tree 8-11 ... W Carson 4
15 0301 KINDLED 29 (D,F,G) R Smyth 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 21
16 5060 STORM RUNNER 46 (D,F,G) G Fytche 8-7 J Carter (5) 14
19 6451 MY PAL POPEYE 14 (F) P Mitchell 8-4 (7ex) S Whitworth 19
20 0009 BLUE RHYTHM 60 (C,G,S) D Laing 8-3 ... T Williams 18
21 0001 LOVE LEGEND 86 (B,D,G) D Arbuthnot 8-2 ... R Hills 1
22 0000 CHARMED KNAVE 20 (B,F) D Laing 8-2 ... S Dawson 3
23 1506 SOCIAL ASSET 47 (B,S) L Cottrell 8-2 ... C Rutter 9
24 2242 CHUMMY'S CHARM 15 (B,D,S) G Lewis 8-1 A Culhane (5) 7
28 0022 MOON WARRIOR 29 D Wilson 7-7 ... G Bardwell (3) 12
31 0600 SHAYAD 149 E Wheeler 7-7 ... L Riggio (5) 20
32 0553 WELLOW WINE 20 R Bennett 7-7 ... D McKay 18
33 0005 MY DIAMOND RING 15 M Usher 7-7 ... N Adams 2

5-1 Ajjaj, 11-2 My Pal Popeye, 7-1 Chummy's Charm, Moon Warrior, 9-1 Love Legend, 10-1 Panda Prince, 12-1 others.

3.15 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 2: *2-Y-O colts and geldings: £1,864: 7f) (13)*

5 000 BLAKENEYS GIFT 12 G Fytche 9-0 ... J Carter (5) 11
8 008 CASTLEACRE 8 G Balding 9-0 ... J Williams 10
9 6 DRUMSTICK 98 R Smyly 9-0 ... N Adams 7
12 FOREIGN ASSET G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey 4
13 64 FORT DAUPHIN 65 I Balding 9-0 ... T Ives 13
15 2 HALL OF MIRRORS 28 N Graham 9-0 ... W Carson 9
18 0 JALEES 18 P Walwyn 9-0 ... N Howe 1
24 OLD EAGLE P Makin 9-0 ... M Roberts 3
27 0 ROCQUAINE 76 Mrs J Pitman 9-0 ... S Whitworth 8
31 05 SARUM 27 C Wildman 9-0 ... M Hills 12
34 SHOTICHE J Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 5
35 36 SILVER MINSTREL 47 P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 6
38 0 STAR OF TRADITION 67 R Hodges 9-0 ... T Williams 2

7-4 Hall of *Mirrors*, 7-2 Shotiche, 9-2 Foreign Asset, 6-1 Fort Dauphin, 10-1 *Silver Minstrel, 14-1 others.*

Course specialists

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; G Wragg, 5 from 14, 35.7%; M Stoute, 7 from 20, 35.0%; A Stewart, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Tree, 12 from 44, *27.3%*; G Harwood, 21 from 87, 24.1%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 30 winners from 119 rides, 25.2%; G *Starkey, 17 from 85, 20.0%; W R Swinburn, 7 from 38, 18.4%;* T Ives, 12 from 66, 18.2%; W Carson, 17 from 113, 15.0%; M Roberts, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

3.45 FONTHILL HANDICAP (£3,157: 1m) (18)

2 3082 YAHEEB 44 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 4-9-10 ... R Hills 13
3 0400 OUR JOCK 7 (F,G,S) R Smyth 6-9-6 ... S Whitworth 3
7 3-00 CONMUE 27 (D,F) G Harwood 4-9-2 ... Pat Eddery 8
11 -411 GREAT DILEMMA 25 (D,G,S) P Makin 5-8-13 T Sprake (7) 7
13 0365 RAVE REVIEW 19 (F) H Candy 3-8-10 ... W Newnes 18
14 2313 BASIC STAR 19 (D,F) P Walwyn 3-8-8 ... N Howe 11
16 -003 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 155 (D,F,G) R Hannon 7-8-7 B Rouse 5
17 400R PRINCE OF RHEIMS 15 P Mitchell 3-8-6 ... G Duffield 6
18 2200 AL-TORFANAN 4 (F,G) P Howling 4-8-5 ... I Johnson 17
19 0226 MONTEROS BOY 7 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 3-8-6 M Roberts 14
20 0053 TALK OF GLORY 7 (CD,F,G) L Cottrell 7-8-1 N Adams 18
21 0553 SUPER LUNAR 14 L Cottrell 4-8-0 ... C Rutter 15
28 -142 COLDWATER CANYON 81 (G) P Cundell 4-7-8 T Williams 16
29 4016 CHARMED PRINCE 22 (B,D,F,G) D Laing 4-7-7 G Bardwell (3) 4
31 5401 FLIRTING 16 (D,F) J Old 4-7-7 (7ex) ... W Carson 12
33 0004 SWALLOW BAY 25 (G) D Haydn Jones 4-7-7 ... — 9
35 -043 WIZZARD MAGIC 15 (V,F) M Haynes 5-7-7 S Dawson 2
38 -000 DENITZ 25 (D,S) C Holmes 6-7-7 ... N Gwilliams (7) 1

7-2 Great Dilemma, 5-1 Coldwater Canyon, 7-1 Basic Star, 8-1 Charmed Prince, 10-1 Yaheeb, Flirting, 12-1 others.

4.15 HURDLERS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,428: 1m 2f) (18)

2 0008 I'M ALERT 121 K Ivory 8-11 ... G Baxter 2
3 3-6 SKIMMING 183 I Balding 8-11 ... T Ives 3
4 86 TOURMALIEN 39 A Stewart 8-11 ... M Roberts 8
5 0224 VISON GRIS 16 B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 7
6 0010 UNEXPECTED GUEST 26 (D,G) D Elsworth 8-8 S Dawson 1
8 -553 RAMROD 9J D Elsworth 8-6 ... W Newnes 9
10 0005 SMITHSONIA 25 (B) P Makin 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 4
11 084- TRIBAL MASCOT 376 L Cumani 8-6 ... L Dettori (5) 16
12 3450 GLOSS 9 R Williams 8-5 ... B Procter 13
13 65 ACORN HOLLOW 7 (B) N Kernick 8-3 ... R Street 17
16 2616 STRIDE HOME 19 (B,D,F,S) P Cole 8-3 ... T Quinn 11
17 4-06 MR MURDOCK 194 J Fox 8-1 ... S O'Gorman (5) 5
18 6 BEDFORD LASS 166 N Kernick 8-0 ... D McKay 6
20 0 ORDELIA 25 G Kindersley 7-12 ... J Carter (5) 16
21 0000 SUNDAYSPORT SPLASH 23 P Kelleway 7-12 T Williams 15
22 2861 ALVIN YORK 9 (D,F,G,S) M Haynes 7-11 . W Carson 12
23 5509 VICEROY MELODY 42 R Holder 7-10 ... N Adams 14
24 3060 AVIONNE 30 R Hannon 7-8 ... G Bardwell (3) 10

9-4 Skimming, 4-1 Stride Home, Tourmalien, 8-1 others.

4.45 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 1: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £1,864: 7f) (12)

2 AMIGO FEO K Brassey 9-0 ... S Whitworth 4
4 00 ARAMA 53 M Haynes 9-0 ... R Wernham 3
7 6 CLASS ACT 32 R Hannon 9-0 ... L Jones 6
13 FESTIVE FALCON P Makin 9-0 ... M Roberts 9
16 3 GREENSMITH 15 (BF) G Harwood 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 11
17 HOLY ZEAL D Arbuthnot 9-0 ... G Baxter 7
19 KING OF MILEEN Lady Herries 9-0 ... P Cook 12
20 50 KING'S BEECHES 39 B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 8
29 PHILIPPONNAT M Usher 9-0 ... A McGlone 2
36 SIXTEEN ACRES P Howling 9-0 ... J Williams 5
38 3 SUNGROVE PRIDE 16 D Laing 9-0 ... T Williams 1
43 3523 YOUNG TURPIN 16 (B) D Elsworth 9-0 ... W Carson 10

6-4 Greensmith, 9-4 Young Turpin, 6-1 King's Beeches, *8-1 Sungrove Pride, 14-1 Class Act, 16-1 others.*

5.15 DAMERHAM HANDICAP (£2,939: 1m 4f) (13)

1 6002 WISHLON 12 (D,F,G,S) R Smyth 5-10-0 .. Pat Eddery 10
3 2321 BELMOREDEAN 40 (D,G) A Stewart 3-9-4 M Roberts 5
4 1001 INDIAN BABA 14 (D,F,S) G Harwood 3-9-4 (5ex) G Starkey 12
5 2122 BUZZBOMB 5 (CD,F,G) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 T Quinn 4
8 1222 PENNY FORUM 23 (D,F,G,S) J Sutcliffe 4-8-7 . M Hills 3
9 4-24 SHEER NECTAR 178 (S) G Balding 5-8-7 ... N Adams 9
10 3305 TITTLEMOUSE 42 (G) D Arbuthnot 4-8-6 ... P Cook 8
11 2650 MASTER LINE 14 (G) H Candy 7-8-6 D J Williams (5) 7
16 0085 COMBINED EXERCISE 137 (S) R Akehurst 4-7-11 T Williams 13
17 2406 RUN HIGH 29 (F) P Mitchell 5-7-11 ... C Rutter 2
18 VELOS 258J (F) J Fox 6-7-10 ... — 6
19 5016 WIZZARD ARTIST 16 (D,G) M Haynes 3-7-10 W Carson 1
24 6200 LANDMARK 149 (D,S) P Howling 5-7-7 G Bardwell (3) 11

5-2 Penny Forum, 4-1 Buzzbomb, 5-1 Belmoredean, 7-1 Wishlon, Indian Baba, 12-1 Sheer Nectar, 16-1 others.

5.45 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 2: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £1,844: 7f) (12)

3 AMIGO CHILONE J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 9
6 BAB'S MOSS B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 3
14 32 FOLLY FOOT 16 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 . T Quinn 11
15 4 GOURIEV 18 (BF) P Makin 9-0 ... M Roberts 5
21 LAUGHTERINPARADISE D Hanley 9-0 ... N Adams 7
26 PASSELANDE J Hills 9-0 ... R Hills 6
30 4 REGIMENTAL MARCH 25 I Balding 9-0 ... T Ives 10
33 RIVER REEF B Gubby 9-0 ... E Johnson 1
39 63 SURE SAILING 74 P Walwyn 9-0 ... N Howe 12
40 VICTORY LANE R Hannon 9-0 ... B Rouse 4
41 0 VITE VITE 40 J Sutcliffe 9-0 ... P Cook 8
42 WOOTTON J Tree 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 2

2-1 Wootton, 4-1 Folly Foot, 6-1 Gouriev, 8-1 others.

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Polly Potter. 2.45 Raisabillion. 3.15 Palm House. 3.45 Al-Alam. 4.15 Johnny Sharp. 4.45 Mark's Choice. 5.15 Scottish Gold.

Going: good (soft patches)

2.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (£949: 2m) (11 runners)

1 023- FARNWORTH 243 G Moore 5-11-0 ... M Hammond
4 2 RAISE THE RAFTERS 18 Miss C Caroe 5-11-0 Patrick Caldwell (4)
5 0- GUNMETAL BOY 196 P Monteith 4-10-13 ... D Nolan
6 60-3 MR FENWICK 11 F Storey 4-10-13 ... B Storey
7 R0P- GO-ONKATIE 128 R Bainbridge 5-10-9 ... S Turner (4)
8 6-0 NICOLA MANDY 9 P Beaumont 5-10-9 ... Mrs A Farrell
9 3-32 POLLY POTTER 8 J O'Neill 6-10-9 ... M Dwyer
10 60-4 PONGEE'S GIRL 8 C Parker 6-10-9 ... A Parker (7)
11 30-0 SUPER SUE 4 P Beaumont 5-10-9 ... P A Farrell (4)
12 00-2 WIZARD OF WAS 15 J Berry 5-10-9 ... P Tuck
14 6-00 HIGHRYMER 13 J Brockbank 4-10-8 ... P Niven

7-4 Wizard Of Was, 5-2 Farnworth, 4-1 Polly Potter, 6-1 Mr Fenwick, 8-1 Pongee's Girl, 12-1 Super Sue, 14-1 others.

2.45 TULLOCH NOVICES CHASE (£1,135: 2m 4f) (4)

2 380- CRACK-A-JIM 211 Miss Z Green 6-11-0 ... M Meagher
3 6-F6 FINALE SEPT 29 (F,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-0 Mr M Thompson
6 61-1 RAISABILLION 13 (F,G,S) G Moore 6-11-0 M Hammond
7 100- TARTAN TRADEMARK 214 (G,S) G Richards 6-11-0 P Tuck

Evens Raisabillion, 2-1 Tartan Trademark, 9-2 Finale Sept, 8-1 Crack-A-Jim.

3.15 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £1,812: 2m) (7)

1 211 PALM HOUSE 14 (CD,F,G) G Richards 11-2 ... P Tuck
6 6 HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 9 (V) P Charlton 10-7. M Dwyer
7 HIGHLY DECORATED 107F J O'Neill 10-7 NON-RUNNER
12 5 SONSIE MO 14 Mrs S Bradburne 10-7 ... P Niven
13 44 WHISTLING TIGER 18 D Burchell 10-7 ... D J Burchell
14 3 ANN VALENTINE 14 (BF) G Moore 10-2 .. M Hammond
16 0 TAKE A LIBERTY 18 Miss S Wilson 10-2 ... S Davies (7)

10-11 Palm House, 3-1 Ann Valentine, 5-1 Whistling Tiger, 10-1 Sonsie Mo, 16-1 Heir Of Excitement, 25-1 Take A Liberty.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Richards, 26 winners from 100 runners, 26.0%; G *Moore, 10 from 42, 23.8%; W Fairgrieve, 6 from 29, 20.7%;* M Naughton, 5 from 25, 20.0%; C Parker, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Andrews, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 10 winners from 24 rides, 41.7%; P Tuck, 19 from 81, 23.5%; M Hammond, 9 from 42, 21.4%; G Bradley, 4 from 21, 19.0%; *Mrs S Bradburne*, 4 from 26, 15.4%; P Niven, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

3.45 MURTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,198: 2m) (6)

1 646- FREDCOTERI 173 (D,G,S) G Moore 12-12-3 M Hammond
3 1213 TACTICO 8 (CD,F,G,S) W Fairgrieve 6-11-10 (6ex) G Bradley
4 12-3 *AL-ALAM 13 (CD,BF,F,G)* G Richards 6-11-3 ... P Tuck
7 2202 TUMBLE JIM 14 (CD,F,G) T Cunningham 9-10-0 M Dwyer
8 211- SANDMOOR COURT 140 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-10-0 D Nolan
11 3U/5 JONDALE 14 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-0 Mrs S Bradburne

5-2 Fredcoteri, 3-1 Tactico, 7-2 Tumble Jim, 6-1 Al-Alam, 6-1 Sandmoor Court, 10-1 Jondale.

4.15 TENNENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,660: 2m 4f) (11)

1 -214 DORONICUM 28 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10 .. P Tuck
2 4/1- IMPECUNIOSITY 174 (CD,G,S) J S Wilson 6-11-9 M Dwyer
3 211- TIMMINION 118F (C,D,G,S) P Charlton 6-11-9 J J Quinn
5 6-41 KATY QUICK 14 (C,G,S) M Naughton 7-11-2 (4ex) M Hammond
7 1131 JOHNNY SHARP 8 (D,F,G) Miss S Wilson 4-11-1 (4ex) S Davies (7)
8 -114 MIGHTY GLOW 8 (D,F) C Tinkler 4-10-12 (4ex) Mrs A Farrell
9 2-12 EASTERN OASIS 13 (CD,F,S) J Andrews 5-10-10 Mrs S Bradburne
10 60-1 ENCHANTED MAN 2 (H,D,F,S) D Burchell 4-10-11 *(6ex) D J Burchell (4)*
12 5-F3 TINA'S BRIG 4 (D,G,S) T Donnelly 7-10-0 .. S Turner (4)
13 06-2 ALBION PLACE 9 (S) A Brown 4-10-0 ... R Fahey (4)
14 40F- STARLIGHT ROCKY 123 (G) Miss Z Green 12-10-0 M Meagher

9-4 Doronicum, 100-30 Johnny Sharp, 4-1 Eastern Oasis, 6-1 Albion Place, 8-1 Katy Quick, 12-1 others.

4.45 LATHAM NOVICES CHASE (£1,116: *3m*) (7)

4 081- BALMBICELLO 133 (D,F,S) ... R Bainbridge 6-11-0 S Turner (4)
5 P2P2 MARK'S CHOICE 9 V Thompson 7-11-0 Mr M Thompson
7 PP-P PAMPERING 9 J Brockbank 7-11-0 ... P Niven
8 023- PANEGYRIST 205 C Alexander 13-11-0 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
9 2P-0 ROYAL PIT 14 J S Wilson 8-11-0 ... J J Quinn
11 4PPP GOLD PROFIT 9 W Young 8-10-9 ... B Storey
12 -2F4 MAGIC ECHO 9 S Payne 6-10-9 ... Gar Lyons (4)

15-8 Panegyrist, 3-1 Mark's Choice, 4-1 Magic Echo, *6-1 Balmbicello*, 10-1 Royal Pit, 12-1 others.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£613: 2m) (7)

1 1- SCOTTISH GOLD 272 (D,S) J S Wilson 4-11-7 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
3 3 PALM LAD 9 G Richards 5-11-2 ... N Leach (7)
4 SQUADRON C Bell 5-11-2 ... Miss R Halden (7)
6 40- FROZEN MINSTREL 214 P Charlton 4-11-0 D Byrne (4)
7 GOOD SEOUL Miss C Caroe 4-11-0 Patrick Caldwell (7)
9 BALANCE OF PAYMENT T Cuthbert 6-10-11 Carol Cuthbert (7)
10 0- NEVER GAMBOL 319 C Parker 5-10-11 ... A Parker (7)

11-10 Scottish Gold, 4-1 Palm Lad, 6-1 Squadron, 8-1 Frozen Minstrel, 16-1 Balance Of Payment, 20-1 others.

Frost lands treble

Jimmy Frost took the riding honours at Devon and Exeter yesterday with a 349-1 treble on *Saddique (16-1), Glenside Jerry* (13-2) and Kamadoor (7-4). Saddique is owned and trained by his father, Richard, while the *other pair* are both trained by Toby Balding.

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Rallying cry for a tennis revolution

Tennis has been good to Shelley, my fiancée, and me. We have had the opportunity to travel the world, stay in fabulous hotels and see sights that most people can only dream of. I am grateful to the game of tennis and feel I owe the game something: just what, I don't know yet.

It's not all good, though. I spend 35-40 weeks of the year away from home and all the comforts that home means. Simple necessities that we take for granted in England are not so simple in many countries. For example, try ordering a cup of tea and two pieces of toast in Nigeria! Or looking for plasters in Zagreb! Or yoghurt in Yugoslavia! And the airports – well, we know what they can be like. I once had a machine-gun put to my chest in Bombay because I had lost my transit card.

The really hard work, however, was done in the years leading up to turning professional, because there was (and still is) so much doubt and precious little sound advice available, especially in England.

When I was 17, and living in Taunton doing my A levels, I was skinny (not a lot's changed!), weak and unfocused. I did not know what I wanted to do, which is probably normal for most 17-year-olds, but for an aspiring tennis professional it is a near-disaster. Children overseas at the same age would have been training, playing and working towards being pros from the age of 13 or 14, possibly even younger, which probably accounts for the mystery as to why British players, and not just in tennis, flourish later than others.

I completed my A levels, and took a big risk. I took up a half-scholarship offer to Seminole Junior College in Orlando, Florida. I shared an apartment with Mike Pernfors and Åke Svensson, two Swedes who had found that, for whatever reason, their tennis potential could not be realized in Sweden.

I should say at this point that I had received no help at all from the LTA in terms of financial assistance or advice, even though I had been at or near the top of my age group for six years. Later on, in fact, two representatives of the LTA, who were in a position to help me, flatly did the opposite and unwittingly sent me to America. Thanks guys, I owe you one!

More on the LTA later. So, Mike, Åke and I found ourselves in Florida with really only one thing in common. We all wanted to improve our tennis. We pushed each other hard for at least five hours a day and we all had great respect for our coach, who demanded commitment and gave his all in return. Our practices were conducted without any distractions and there was no talking allowed. Practice was sacred; we never looked for excuses and there was never a good reason to give less than 100 per cent. I wish that this type of feeling could be attained at Queen's Club, but it is not possible; a busy club cannot function adequately as a national training centre – let's not kid ourselves.

Is there any hope for British tennis? Andrew Castle, ranked No 2 in Britain and a competitor at the Olympic Games, analyses the difficulties facing the home-grown player and spells out his blueprint for a more successful future

After winning the National Junior College Championship, I received a scholarship from Wichita State University in Kansas. They demanded three things from all students, whether athletes or not: they wanted hard work in the classroom, hard work on the tennis court and they wanted to shape me into the type of person that would be a credit to the university.

I graduated with a degree in marketing in 1986 after four years in Wichita.

The reason I am writing this article is because I have had enough of hearing the same old things from the same people time and time again. The same complaints, moans and groans are being heard now as have been heard for years about the standard of British tennis, the Davis Cup team, and so forth. I felt that I needed to turn the tables and explain myself and offer my opinion as to the magical solution we are all looking for.

The rewards for a tennis professional are high in financial terms. In return for these high rewards we travel too much and live a bit like nomads. We also have to put up with a great deal of criticism and scorn if our performances do not meet expectations. We consider these problems to be part of the job. Being scrutinized publicly is one thing but to have it done unfairly is quite another. Warren Jacques, the men's international tennis director for Britain, says he wants future British players to be hungry for success and that our present players obviously have not grown up in a competitive enough environment because we quite simply aren't making it happen.

Not too much should be read into Warren's comments. Up until quite recently Warren had a great relationship with the Press; he knows what to say and how to say it. Hungry for success? I've been to Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, America, Austria, Switzerland, Canada, French West Indies and France this year already, and have won a satellite circuit, my first professional tournament (a $75,000 one in Nagoya, Japan), reached my first grand prix singles final, won my first two grand prix doubles titles and gone to the semi-final of the Australian Open doubles, helping me to achieve my best ranking ever in both singles (80) and doubles (50).

I am going to list some of the steps I believe are necessary for Britain to be able to produce what we all want, a Wimbledon champion.

1: The vast majority of all new tennis courts should be laid in Deco-Turf II (as in US Open).
2: As many existing courts as possible to be resurfaced with Deco-Turf II.
3: Racquet clubs with eager, knowledgeable coaches to be built in every county town and city in the UK with two aims: a) To be self-supporting; b) To maximize the tennis potential of every young person who passes through each club's junior development program.
4: The introduction of tennis into schools.
5: A National Tennis Centre strictly for the use of serious, competitive tennis players.
6: The appointment of a team of professional coaches to travel with the top British players constantly, and who have no responsibility for paperwork.
7: The destruction of the notion, created largely by media hype, that Wimbledon is tennis.
8: Change people's perception of tennis as being a "sissies' game", a game for the elite. It can be a sport for the masses.
9: Restructure the LTA so that it loses some of its excess baggage (mostly humans) and focuses in on what it should be doing, which is managing the game of lawn tennis in Great Britain, efficiently.
10: Make Daley Thompson play tennis for a living.

We in Britain have no divine or historical rights to be in the second division of the Davis Cup and we have no right to expect champions to appear out of the blue. We should understand that it is a fallacy to believe that champions are born – they are not, they are made by efficient systems.

● This article appears as an open letter in the October/November issue of Tennis World, which is published tomorrow.

CRICKET

Saeed puts sparkle in lifeless contest

From Richard Streeton
Peshawar

A scintillating hundred by the virtually unknown Saeed Anwar enlivened an otherwise dreary occasion yesterday as the game between the North West Frontier Governor's XI and the Australians moved to an inevitable draw.

The pitch was lifeless to the end, leaving the game devoid of competitive interest and raising the wisdom of including three-day matches on the itinerary.

This time, though, the emergence of a shining new talent in Saeed brought a measure of compensation. He is aged 20, and a slim left-hander who possesses a marvellous eye and steely wrists. Saeed reached his hundred from 112 balls and finished with 23 fours as he drove and pulled all the bowlers.

McDermott, the fast bowler desperately trying to make a mark on the tour, can seldom have been driven so hard by such a slightly-built opponent. McDermott and Waugh were also casually flicked off the hip to the leg-side, and more than once the Australians applauded the versatility of Saeed's strokes.

"A left-handed Kanhai" was a Pakistani colleague's description of Saeed, who comes from Karachi. He has already played for the Pakistan under-19 side and, following the well-trodden path in this country, has been found nominal employment in a bank so he will have all the time he wants to play cricket.

It was hardly the preparation for the third Test match on Friday that the Australians would have chosen. Taylor and Sleep, the spinners, did nothing to advance their claims and Marsh, in despair, turned to Jones's seldom used off breaks.

Once again, the Australians did not field particularly well and they accepted the chance to dispense with the final hour with the Governor's XI 343 for seven, their first innings far from finished.

They started the day at 115 for three and they soon lost Shaukat Mirza, who was run out by a direct hit from mid-on by Waugh, the best piece of work in the field all day.

Saeed was quickly into his stride. Sleep went for 14 in one over and Waugh for 16. Saeed's only chance came when he was on 103 and Jones was only able to parry a fierce knee-high drive at extra cover.

Anil Dalpat, the former Test wicketkeeper, helped to add 121 in two hours for the fifth wicket before he played on against McDermott as he tried to square cut. Saeed received less of the bowling later and had tired before he lifted a catch to cover.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 472 for 8 dec (G R Marsh 106, D C Boon 85, D M Jones 60, G M Wood 70, P L Taylor 83).

GOVERNOR'S XI: First Innings

Babar Zaman c Marsh b McDermott	9
Basit Ali b McDermott	39
Zahoor Elahi lbw b Waugh	19
Shaukat Mirza run out	38
Saeed Anwar c Veletta b Sleep	127
†Anil Dalpat b McDermott	51
Iqbal Sikander not out	28
Zakir Khan c Wood b Sleep	0
Masood Iqbal not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 14)	19
Total (7 wkts)	343

*Ijaz Faqih and Farrukh Zaman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-42, 3-75, 4-145, 5-266, 6-307, 7-307.

BOWLING: McDermott 26-5-126-3; Waugh 15-4-51-1; Taylor 24-7-62-0; Sleep 15-1-78-2; Jones 9-3-21-0.

RUGBY UNION: NORTHERN DIVISION INCLUDE ENGLAND FLANKER BUT INJURY FORCES OTI OUT OF LONDON SIDE TO FACE THE AUSTRALIANS

Selectors place trust in Winterbottom

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Peter Winterbottom, the England flanker who has spent the summer in Johannesburg playing for Transvaal, will play for the Northern Division against the Australians at Otley on October 19, though he returned to England only yesterday carrying an ankle injury as a legacy of his final match with the leading South African province.

Winterbottom, aged 28, and with 29 caps, will lead the North's pack in a XV captained by Harrison and containing seven internationals. His success in South Africa has been monitored constantly by the North's representatives who anticipate that he will appear in Headingley's colours before the game at Otley to provide confirmation of his fitness. But Oti, the Wasps wing capped twice last season, will miss London's match against the Australians on October 15 because of strained knee ligaments.

Winterbottom's selection, ahead of Buckton, is proof – if any were needed – of the high regard in which the North hold him. The unfortunate Buckton, who played for the North against an International XV last month and against the Australians four years ago, must be content with a place among the replacements since the other flanker's place goes to Hodgson (Vale of Lune).

The elevation of Morris, the Liverpool-St Helens scrum half, continues much as predicted. The selectors' task there was eased by the shoulder injury which has inhibited Doggart (Sale) of late, which means a place on the bench for Havery (Gateshead Fell) as reserve scrum half. Langford, the Orrell full back, gets his chance because Adamson (Wakefield) has also been troubled by a damaged shoulder and withdrew from the Yorkshire side which lost to Durham at the weekend.

Rumour in the capital has suggested that Winterbottom may consider playing club rugby in London once he has settled back. Another former England back-row man, Chris Butcher, of Harlequins, has been playing in Durban for Natal and is expected back shortly but a good performance against the Australians would pose a fascinating problem for the national selectors who have Rees (Nottingham) and Robinson (Bath) contending for the same position. Winterbottom damaged his ankle playing in Port Elizabeth four weeks ago but it was, in any event, his intention to relax from rugby over the last month before bidding for an England place once more.

The North play the touring side four days after the opening match against London at Twickenham when the Australians seem likely to field a stronger combination. London make only one change to the side which finished against Munster in Cork last Saturday, Salmon returning as centre and captain at the expense of Lozowski (Wasps). Should Salmon's damaged tendons let him down during Harlequins' game against Liverpool-St Helens this weekend, Lozowski will play and the captaincy will revert to Pegler.

Oti's withdrawal was made on Monday evening after the player had consulted Ben Gilfeather, the Rugby Football Union doctor. Oti strained knee ligaments early last month and left the field in Cork after an unexpected change of direction put undue pressure on the knee; he was advised that he would not be able to train with the squad next week and that his prospect of being fit by October 15 was limited so Bailey, London's captain in last season's divisional championship, remains.

Otherwise, London have been able to pick from strength, only Sutton (fractured cheekbone which will keep him out of action for six weeks after an operation to reset it) and Pinnegar (suspended) being unavailable from their original training squad. There are only three survivors from the XV which played the 1984 Australians – Thompson, who played then at centre, Ackford and Probyn.

LONDON DIVISION (v Australians, October 15): S Thresher (Harlequins); A Harriman (Harlequins), F Clough (Wasps), J Salmon (Harlequins, capt), M Bailey (Wasps); A Thompson (Harlequins), S Bates (Wasps); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Edwards (Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), D Pegler (Wasps), D Ryan (Saracens). Replacements: R Lozowski (Wasps), M Hancock (Cambridge University), A Mullins (Harlequins), A Simmons (Wasps), M Rose (Wasps).

NORTHERN DIVISION (v Australians, October 19): S Langford (Orrell); M Harrison (Wakefield, capt), J Buckton (Saracens), W Carling (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Morris (Liverpool-St Helens); M Whitcombe (Sale), M Fenwick (Durham City), P Huntsman (Headingley), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), J Howe (Sale), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Headingley), A Macfarlane (Sale). Replacements: J Bentley (Sale), S Havery (Gateshead Fell), A White (Tynedale), N Hitchen (Orrell), D Cusani (Liverpool-St Helens), P Buckton (Liverpool-St Helens).

Welcomed back: Winterbottom returns from South Africa to lead the North's pack

Robinson rescues Harrow

By Michael Stevenson

Oundle School	6
Harrow School	10

The vigour and commitment of the Harrow pack suggested their encounter with Oundle might be one-sided, yet victory came uneasily by a try, a penalty and dropped goal to a goal and was in doubt until the final whistle.

There was an international flavour to the contest with Roger Uttley coaching Harrow and Terry Cobner in charge at Oundle and, after the lighter Oundle pack had weathered the opening storm their young back division, impressive in attack and defence, gave a good account, especially Calhoun, an elusive left wing.

Gordon, Harrow's speedy full back, coming into the line on the burst, was the first to suggest the likelihood of a try but Robinson's brave tackle ended the movement. Harrow won plentiful possession from scrum and line-out that, living off scraps, Oundle had little chance to run.

Finally pressure paid off, and, after Oundle had been penalized at a ruck 25 metres out, Gordon kicked the straight penalty. Gordon missed two more simple penalties early in the second half before Oundle took the lead.

Weastall made the pick-up from broken play and Spragg took his pass, fed Llewellyn, who made ground before handing to Merry; he passed inside to Robinson who dummied and cut inside to the line for the best movement of the match. Robertson converted. Harrow lifted their game and the match with a try from Ouvaroff, the No. 8, so that Hay's late, dropped goal came as a bonus.

SCORERS: Oundle: Try: Robinson. Conversion: Robertson. Harrow: Try: Ouvaroff. Penalty: Gordon. Dropped goal: Hay.

OUNDLE: A Robertson; J Calhoun, D Robinson, O Thain, A Merry; J Spragg, J Weastall; P Fenton, A Baldock, R Campbell, C Isaac, A Johnson, T Jones, W Womersley, A Llewellyn.

HARROW: P Gordon; S Norton, C Soborg, R Hamilton, C Barlow; J Hay, H Beckett; I Cooke, J Digs, T Hughes, A Stavri, C Stephenson, H Bond-Gunning, M Bruno, L Ouvaroff.

Referee: I Bullwell (East Midlands).

Christ's justified in feeling irked

By David Hands

Christ College Brecon	9
Sherborne	9

Christ College would be happy to take an unbeaten record into their 100th match against Llandovery, their old rivals, on October 22. They may yet do so and they would have beaten Sherborne yesterday but for a finely-struck penalty in injury-time by Williams, the flanker, which earned the Dorset school a draw, both sides scoring a goal and a penalty goal.

If the Welsh boys were slightly irked by the result, they had reason to be. They were the more composed side under pressure and their half backs played exceptionally well; their lineout gave them a slight advantage and they recovered well from the loss in the first half of John, their centre, who went off concussed.

Indeed, it was while they were down to 14 players that they equalized; the forwards stormed on to a loose ball and Yeandle straightened his line well before sending Powell, with a neat sidestep, to the line. Lowry's conversion and penalty goal, though he missed four other attempts, gave his side their 9-6 half-time advantage.

As the rain swept over the mountains the second half became much more disjointed. Nevertheless, Sherborne will have enjoyed their ferocious opening, when they dominated territory and possession. Minford stole a ball against the head, Leeke and Painter carried play into Christ's half and Macbeth ran splendidly to beat three men for a try in the corner which Williams did well to convert.

The ball scarcely went Macbeth's way again. Decisive Welsh tackling gave the Sherborne midfield a touch of the heebie-jeebies and had not a series of niggling injuries disrupted the momentum of the game, Christ's might well have conjured up enough rhythm to win.

SCORERS: Christ College: Try: Powell. Conversion: Lowry. Penalty goal: Lowry. Sherborne: Try: Macbeth. Conversion: Williams. Penalty goal: Williams.

CHRIST COLLEGE: G Powell, G Morgan, J Lowry, G John (rep: J Patel), G Rogers; M Yeandle, S Hooper; A Lewis, R Reynolds, S Sheehan, M Rodrick, O Facey, A Richards, K Lumby, J Copley.

SHERBORNE: P Davis; C Mapp, R Smithson, C Allen, M Macbeth; S Leeke, R Kitchin; E Nelson, A Minford, C Hayes, M Williams, G Bulstrode, S Davis, C Painter, P Symington.

Referee: G Bailey (WRU).

Sprinters head try tally

By Alan Lorimer

After two rounds of the McEwans National League Championship, Derek Stark, of Ayr, and Ken McLeish, of Melrose, have emerged as the leading try scorers in the first division with three apiece.

Stark, who transferred from Kilmarnock this season, excelled as a track athlete but has been surpassed as the leading try scorer by another Scottish sprinter, Scott Forrester, of Currie, who has scored five tries in the two league games, one better than the Gala winger, Mark Moncrieff.

In the first division, Ian Ramsay, the Melrose captain, is the leading points scorer with 24 from the Glasgow Academicals player, Duncan Cameron, who has scored 23.

LEADING SCORERS: First division: I Ramsay (Melrose), 24; D Cameron (Glasgow Academicals), 23; C Gass (Hawick), 20. Second division: P Dods (Gala), 30; C McDonald (Stirling County), 26; S Forrester (Currie), 20.

● Simon Robson, the Moseley captain, returns from injury to lead his side in their Courage League clash with Bristol at the Memorial Ground on Saturday.

Welsh dislike being fillers

By Peter Bills

Brian Nicholas, the Bridgend coach, yesterday put into words the thoughts of England's top clubs that their games against Welsh teams have become merely fillers on the fixture list.

Nicholas spelled out the dangers to Welsh rugby of a system in England which is becoming increasingly detrimental to leading Welsh clubs. English teams, giving league matches priority, are using the Welsh games to rest their top players and try squad members. The practice seems inevitable under the league structure but it seriously undervalues Anglo-Welsh matches which have always been the cornerstone of the clubs' season.

Harlequins omitted four leading players for their recent match against Llanelli, but the coach, Dick Best, admitted they would have played had it been a league game. Last weekend, Swansea met a Harlequins side lacking 12 first-choice players.

Nicholas said: "We are aware of what the English clubs feel about these matches. We certainly don't play their top sides now so it is obvious we have become filler fixtures."

Nicholas does not blame the English sides. Instead, he sees the trend hastening the arrival of leagues in Wales. "There is a message being sent to us over this matter of leagues. The drums have been banging quietly for a while but now they are getting louder. The Welsh clubs cannot accept this situation of playing weakened English sides forever. We shall have to do something about it."

That means leagues, according to Nicholas, and he forecasts their arrival will revolutionize the clubs from the president down to the ballboys.

Democratically, he reasons, the case for leagues is irresistible. "Every club deserves an opportunity to progress. At the moment we have a self-perpetuating elite which is unchallenged. You should have the chance to progress in life and in rugby. Leagues would also limit the number of games to a sensible figure and sharpen up everyone at a club."

Nicholas's views might be at variance with the committee members of leading clubs, but they reflect more accurately the views of the Welsh players.

Bath reject challenge

Bath have turned down the opportunity to compete in a triangular tournament later this month featuring the possible champions of England, Wales and France (Peter Bills writes).

Neath, under the enterprising Brian Thomas, asked Stade Toulouse if they would meet them when he heard that the French club had arranged to play Bath on October 29. Toulouse agreed to Neath's request and will play at The Gnoll on Wednesday, October 26.

Neath wanted to take up their original fixture with Bath, postponed to accommodate Toulouse. Thomas said: "We felt it would be a superb little tournament creating lots of interest."

But Bath felt it was impossible to play two powerful sides within a few days. The problem is that several Bath players are likely to represent the South West against the Australians on October 26, and on the Sunday after the Toulouse match there is an England squad session.

The Bath coach, Jack Rowell, said: "We liked this tournament idea very much but felt it was too intensive. But this sort of event is coming and no one is going to be able to withstand it. It will capture the interest of the players and the public."

Bath and Neath expect big crowds to see a team which is likely to include the international three-quarters, Denis Charvet, Didier Codorniou and Eric Bonneval.

Bath forwards in struggle to beat injury

David Egerton and John Hall, Bath's England back-row internationals, are trying to shake off injuries to be fit for the Courage Clubs Championship match at Rosslyn Park on Saturday.

Egerton went off with a calf problem and Hall bruised a shoulder in Saturday's injury-strewn match against Aberavon. Chris Martin, the former England full back, played only half an hour in his comeback game before suffering a recurrence of the shoulder injury which plagued him last season. He will be out for a few weeks and his playing future must be in doubt.

But Stuart Barnes expects to be fit to lead the side again after resting his hand injury. Bath make one change from the side which defeated Gloucester in their last league match, replacing John Morrison with Damian Cronin, the Scot.

YACHTING

New name and a refit naturally

By Barry Pickthall

Two British yachtsmen who have entered an eight-year-old maxi for the Whitbread Round the World race have received backing from the firm which sponsored the J24 European championship at Cowes this year.

Creighton Laboratories, which makes toiletries and sunblock products, is sponsoring John Chittenden and Tony Allen and the 80ft boat, Challenger UK, is to be renamed Creightons Naturally.

Chittenden and Allen are both former employees of the Royal Yachting Association, and they have given up their jobs to compete in the 33,000-mile race, which starts next September.

The boat, which was built for Les Williams in 1980, is undergoing a thorough refit ashore at Hull Marina. The entire deck has been replaced, and the accommodation is being rebuilt.

Creightons Naturally will be too heavy to compete against the Grand Prix maxis, which promise to dominate the fifth Whitbread race, so she will compete in the Cruiser Class, which is the brainchild of the race chairman, Admiral Charles Williams, who said: "This class is for amateur sailors in older boats – the sort of characters that the public can identify with."

TENNIS

Louis upsets seventh seed

Jo Louis, of Devon, who had to win six matches to qualify for the Challenger women's tennis event at Eastbourne, yesterday defeated the seventh seed, Jonna Jonerup, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals.

Jonerup allowed herself to become upset at some close line calls, especially when a point had been replayed after the Swedish coach disrupted a rally by calling that a ball was out.

Samantha Smith, of Essex, also progressed. After easing through the opening set against Annette Gerber, she was shaken by the West German's more aggressive play in the second set and trailed 3-0 before finding her feet again to win 6-3, 7-6.

Amanda Grunfeld won an all British confrontation 6-1, 6-3 against Belinda Borneo.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
First round, second leg

(First leg score in brackets)

Celtic (0) v Honved Budapest (Hun) (1)
Glentoran (0) v Spartak Moscow (USSR) (2)
Red Star Belgrade (Yug) (5) v Dundalk (0) (5.30)

OTHER MATCHES: Brondby (Den) (0) v Club Bruges (Bel) (1); Galatasaray (Tur) (1) v Rapid Vienna (Austria) (2); Gothenburg (Swe) (2) v Pezoporikos (Cyprus) (1); HJK Helsinki (Fin) (0) v FC Porto (Por) (3); Jeunesse Esch (Lux) (0) v Gornik Zabrze (Pol) (3); Moss (Nor) (0) v Real Madrid (Sp) (3); Nentori Tirana (Alb) (1) v Hamrun Spartans (Malta) (2); Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) (1) v Larissa (Gr) (2); Steaua Bucharest (Rom) (5) v Sparta Prague (Cz) (1).

Cup Winners' Cup
First round, second leg

(First leg score in brackets)

Aarhus (Den) (4) v Glenavon (1) (7.0)
Cardiff (0) v Derry City (0) (7.45)
Dundee Utd (0) v Floriana FC (Malta) (0)

OTHER MATCHES: Anderlecht (Bel) (3) v Metz (Fr) (1); Barcelona (Sp) (2) v Fram Reykjavik (Ice) (0); CFKA Sredetz (Bul) (3) v Inter Slovnaft (Cz) (2); Elore Spartacus (Hun) (0) v Sakaryaspor (Tur) (2); FC Krems (Austria) (0) v Carl Zeiss Jena (EG) (5); Kharkov (USSR) (0) v Borac Banjaluka (Yug) (2); Lahti (Fin) (0) v Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) (3); Lech Poznan (Pol) (3) v Flamurtari Vlora (Alb) (2); Panathinaikos Athens (Gr) (1) v Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) (0); Vitoria Guimaraes (Por) (0) v Roda JC Kerkrade (Neth) (2).

UEFA Cup
First round, second leg

(First leg score in brackets)

Dynamo Dresden (EG) (0) v Aberdeen (0) (6.0)
Hearts (2) v St Patrick's Ath (0)
Katowice (Pol) (0) v Rangers (1) (5.0)
Linfield (0) v Turun Palloseura (Fin) (0) (Wrexham)

OTHER MATCHES: Ajax Amsterdam (Neth) (2) v Sporting Lisbon (Por) (4); APOEL Nicosia (Cyp) (0) v Velez Mostar (1) (Yug); Athletic Bilbao (Sp) (0) v AEK Athens (Gr) (1); Atletico Madrid (Sp) (0) v Groningen (Neth) (1); Benfica (Por) (3) v Montpellier (Fr) (0); Bordeaux (Fr) (1) v Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) (1); Dinamo Zagreb (Yug) (0) v Besiktas (Tur) (1); Dukla Prague (Cz) (1) v Real Sociedad (Sp) (2); Dunajska Streda (Cz) (0) v Oesters IF (Swe) (2); Dynamo Minsk (USSR) (2) v Trakia Plovdiv (Bul) (1); Ikast FS (Den) (0) v Foto Net Vienna (Austria) (1); IK Brage (Swe) (1) v Internazionale (It) (2); Legia Warsaw (Pol) (1) v Bayern Munich (WG) (3); Liège (Bel) (7) v Sportive Luxembourg (Lux) (1); Lokomotiv Leipzig (EG) (3) v FC Aarau (Switz) (1); PAOK Salonika (Gr) (0) v Napoli (It) (1); Sturm Graz (Austria) (0) v Servette (Switz) (1); Torpedo Moscow (USSR) (0) v Malmo (Swe) (1); Ujpest Dozsa (Hun) (0) v Akranes (Ice) (0); Waregem (Bel) (0) v Molde (Nor) (0).

Barclays League
Second division

Bradford v Blackburn
Brighton v Barnsley
Manchester C v Portsmouth
Oxford v Swindon
WBA v Bournemouth

Third division

Bristol R v Preston (7.45)
Chester v Brentford
Fulham v Wolverhampton

Fourth division

Exeter v Torquay
Lincoln v Scunthorpe
Peterborough v Stockport
Scarborough v Darlington

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leicester v Huddersfield; Liverpool v Sheffield United; Nottingham Forest v Manchester United; Sunderland v Aston Villa. Second division: Bolton v Notts County; Doncaster v Middlesbrough; Stoke v Hull; Wigan v Port Vale; York v Oldham.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Reading.

PREMIER INTER LEAGUE CUP: First round: Maidstone v Fisher (7.45); Worksop v Kettering; Yeovil v Newport.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Alvechurch v Bromsgrove; Banbury v Nuneaton; Billingham Synthonia v Accrington Stanley; Bury v Boreham Wood; Exmouth v Swanage and Herston; Farsley v Guisborough; Saltash v Falmouth; Whitley Bay v Gretna.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: First round: Basingstoke v Feltham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Leek; Congleton v Radcliffe; Curzon Ashton v Penrith; Lancaster v Netherfield; Sutton Town v Eastwood Hanley.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Liskeard (7.45); Weston v Chippenham.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Penarth (7.0); Bridgend v Cardiff (7.15); Cross Keys v Tredegar (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

GRUNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Salford v Warrington.

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Halifax v Castleford; Leeds v Hull.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy (8.0): Hemel Hempstead v Derby; Oldham v Olympic City.

BOXING: IBF World flyweight championship: Rolando Bohol (Phil, holder) v Duke McKenzie (Wembley Conference Centre).

GOLF: Midland open (Staverton Park).

ICE HOCKEY: Autumn Trophy: Romford Raiders v Lee Valley Lions. London Cup: Slough Jets v Chelmsford Chieftains.

ICE SKATING: Skate Electric United Kingdom international (Richmond).

SPEEDWAY: Fourth Test: National League v Australia (Long Eaton). British League: Cradley v Bradford.

TENNIS: LTA tournament (Eastbourne).

SPORT ON TV

ICE SKATING: C4 6-6.30 p.m. ITV 10.35-11.35 p.m.: Skate Electric United Kingdom international: Highlights from Richmond.

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.30 p.m.-12.10 a.m.: Boxing: IBF World flyweight championship: Rolando Bohol (Phil, holder) v Duke McKenzie live from Wembley Conference Centre. Football: European club competition: Highlights of Celtic v Honved (Hun) in the European Cup and Katowice (Pol) v Rangers in the UEFA Cup.

VOLLEYBALL

Kyle under scrutiny

By Roddy McKenzie

If there were any doubts about how seriously clubs take their involvement in European club competitions, they were dispelled at the weekend when Kyle, the Scottish women's champions, came under the closest of scrutiny as they opened the defence of their League title.

Carlo Hastert, the coach of the unfashionable Luxembourg side, Gym Bonnevoie, whom Kyle meet next month, attended the Ayr team's match in Edinburgh against Wheatsheaf Jets and videoed the proceedings.

Perhaps unnerved by such unprecedented attention, Kyle lost the first set before coming through 13-15, 15-5, 15-8, 15-6.

Provincial Insurance, the only women's first-division side not to drop a set on Saturday, top the League table after the opening exchanges.

In England, Brixton Knights continue to look the most likely challengers to Sovereign Leasing Sale, the women's champions. In Guildford on Saturday, they defeated Ashcombe Syenco in straight sets, 15-13, 15-2, 15-10, while Britannia also impressed in their 15-1, 15-7, 15-6, win over Spark.

In the men's first division, Malory face their stiffest test to date tomorrow when they meet Star Aquila at Tooting Leisure Centre. Aquila defeated Time Out Spark at the weekend, 13-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-11, which prompted Rob Wiggett, the Spark coach, to say: "If they continue to play the way they are playing then they will finish in the top three in the League."

FOOTBALL: SECOND DIVISION MANAGERS DEPEND ON THE ACCURACY OF THEIR FORWARDS TO BREAK CLEAR OF MID-TABLE CONGESTION

Portsmouth look to Chamberlain for a change in fortune

By Louise Taylor

Despite a promising start, Portsmouth are still readjusting to life in the second division after last year's brief and unsuccessful sojourn among the elite; they are without a win in their last six matches. Their problems have been accentuated by an injury crisis.

For tonight's potentially awkward encounter at Manchester City, however, Portsmouth welcome back Chamberlain, the former England international winger, who has recovered from a foot problem, in addition to Neill and Horne, who have also recovered from injury. Quinn, the unsettled centre forward, is included in the squad.

Meanwhile, City will be aiming to reproduce last Saturday's win against Blackburn Rovers, an effort that elevated them into promotion circles, narrowly in front of the visitors.

If Portsmouth's form has been variable, that of Brighton, promoted from the third division last spring, has been downright dire. Last Saturday's home win against Leeds United was their first of the season and they aim to repeat the feat against Barnsley, another Yorkshire side, at the Goldstone Ground tonight.

Brighton, with Nelson yet to break in his second division shooting boots, have registered only seven League goals so far this season. A dozen-odd places higher and eight points better off, Bournemouth has a goal total of just one better. Referring to the return of eight players, Harry Redknapp, the manager, said: "We are playing well so far but our finishing is letting us down."

In an attempt to discover a more prolific penalty-area blend, Redknapp brings Cooke, the former Tottenham player, into contention for tonight's fixture at West Bromwich Albion, another mid-table team who are unchanged.

Two of the three teams on 12 points (Portsmouth are the other) and jostling against the shoulders of the leading sides, Oxford United and Swindon Town, meet at the Manor Ground, where Lawrenson, the Oxford manager, yesterday indicated his desire to place his own stamp on the club by placing three of his predecessor, Maurice Evans's, most expensive signings on the transfer list.

Peter Hucker, the goalkeeper (a £100,000 signing from Queen's Park Rangers), Gary Shelton, the midfield player (a £150,000 purchase from Sheffield Wednesday), and David Leworthy, the forward (bought for £175,000 from Tottenham), are described by Lawrenson as having "done quite well, but I want to make changes".

Wolverhampton Wanderers, making a painless transition to improved third division circumstances, visit Fulham, who are faced with the daunting task of curtailing the goal-scoring tendencies of Bull in the third division's match of the evening. However, the Black Country team are still without Streete, the central defender who is injured, and are expected to field the side that drew with Port Vale on Saturday.

The fourth division programme features two local derbies, Exeter versus Torquay in the south-west and Scarborough versus Darlington.

Blackburn excite Mackay's palate

By Ian Ross

Don Mackay, the manager of Blackburn Rovers, believes that the most exciting football is to be found in the second division. Mackay, whose side narrowly missed promotion to the first division last season, claims that a "fear factor" is reducing the quality of England's premier league.

"If supporters want entertainment I would urge them to take a look at the second division. They may not get the best football because the first division obviously has a higher standard of player, but they will usually find commitment and real excitement," he said.

"There is fear in the second division because every club desires promotion but it is nothing like as prevalent than in the first. There are so many good sides in our division now; the quality has possibly never been as high."

Last season Mackay surprised the football world by convincing Archibald, then of Barcelona, and Ardiles, of Tottenham Hotspur, to move to Ewood Park on loan in a bid to bolster the club's promotion challenge. It was a gamble which was to fail but one he admits he would love to repeat.

"I would like to come up with another big name if only to please our supporters who showed their appreciation of those two deals by turning out in their thousands. Our home attendances went up from 6,500 to around 12,500, which was phenomenal.

"I honestly believe that football needs players of great individual talent. They may, at times, drive managers up the wall, but they delight the fans. I may have to conjure up another Archibald or Ardiles. The problem is that so many people are now seeking to follow our lead and do the same.

"I do not think that we are a better side than we were last season because you cannot lose players of the quality of Archibald, Ardiles, Barker and Price and not see some sort of effect, but I do believe that we are a stronger team in many respects," Mackay said.

Blackburn's unbeaten start to the league season ended at Manchester City on Saturday and tonight they face another of their promotion rivals, Bradford City, at Valley Parade.

"It is a very important game because like ourselves Bradford will be looking to be near the top come the end of the season," he said. "It is now impossible to look at our programme and pick out an 'easy' game. Several of the fancied clubs have started well but I think that the likes of Leeds United and Chelsea, who have disappointed so far, will come through to challenge as the season progresses."

Probe into Italian tax fraud

Udine (AP) — Italian tax officials alleged yesterday that former executives of the Udinese club exploited the acquisition of Brazilian players, including the forward, Zico, to disguise an unlawful transfer of funds abroad.

Pietrino Sau, the head of the local tax police, said 15 billion lire (about £6.3 million) were illegally taken abroad from 1983 to 1985. The officer also alleged that the club evaded taxes for about 10 billion lire.

The executives allegedly exported an amount in excess of that owed to the players and then deposited the difference in foreign bank accounts. Sau said results of the investigation were handed to a district attorney who must decide whether to charge the former club officials and order a trial.

One of the executives named in the investigation was Lamberto Mazza, a former industrialist who was president of Udinese for several years. He resigned in the wake of a match-fixing scandal which resulted in the relegation of the club.

The Brazilian players whose costly signing made possible the illegal operations were Zico, Edinho and Batista. Zico, whose imaginative play led Udinese to one of their best showings ever in the Italian League in 1984, was tried in 1985 by an Italian court for an illegal transfer of funds abroad shortly before his return home. His sentence — eight months in prison — was suspended and an appeal trial will be held.

Chapman breaks finger in training

Lee Chapman, who is keen to end his transfer frustration by signing for Nottingham Forest this week, has broken a little finger while training alone at home in Sheffield.

The injury is not expected to stop Chapman playing, and Nottingham Forest are still hoping to settle a transfer deal with the French club Niort this week.

They are waiting for confirmation that Sheffield Wednesday have received their original fee for Chapman from Niort before completing the move, which is expected to cost them about £300,000.

Nottingham Forest made a profit of £710,000 (£402,000 after tax) last season. The chairman, Maurice Roworth, said: "We did not win any major competitions, but finished the season in a good position and provided some very entertaining football for our fans."

One member of the staff, probably Brian Clough, the manager, earned between £105,000 and £110,000. One person earned between £85,000 and £90,000.

● The West Ham United manager, John Lyall, watched three of his injured players make a successful comeback in the reserve team match against Millwall yesterday.

Liam Brady, who was suffering from damaged knee ligaments, Tony Gale, who had a calf strain, and Ray Stewart, who had a hamstring injury, all declared themselves fit after the 2-2 draw.

Lyall said that he would wait to see how the players felt after 24 hours before deciding whether any of them could return to the first team against Middlesbrough on Saturday.

● The Port Vale manager, John Rudge, is expected to make another attempt to sign the Leeds centre half, Neil Aspin.

The experienced Bob Hazell has a groin injury and Port Vale have moved the full back, Alan Webb, into the centre of the defence, alongside Phil Sproson.

Rudge had a £60,000 offer for Aspin rejected a month ago. Since then, the Leeds manager, Billy Bremner, has been dismissed and Port Vale are ready to make another offer.

● Gary Williams, the Leeds utility player, will not play until December because of an achilles tendon injury.

He missed the start of the season with the injury and the problem recurred in the match against Brighton last Saturday, after he had played in the last six matches for Leeds. A doctor has estimated that he will not be able to play for 10 weeks.

● David Wilson, aged 19, could play for Manchester United in the Mercantile Centenary Trophy final against Arsenal, at Villa Park on Sunday.

Gordon Strachan was injured in a testimonial match against Hibernian and is not expected to be able to play on Sunday. Wilson, who scored a goal against Hibernian, is likely to replace him in midfield.

● The Sheffield United winger, Ian Bryson, is expected to be unable to play for three weeks because of a thigh injury he suffered against Bolton.

Striving to make up lost ground: Millar (left) and Baillie, of Celtic, prepare to take on Honved, of Hungary, at Parkhead tonight. Honved hold the advantage, having won the European Cup, first round, first leg tie 1-0 in Budapest a fortnight ago

Davis still waiting on FA ruling

Paul Davis was yesterday left wondering about his international future when the Football Association refused to reveal whether its executive committee will recommend banning the Arsenal midfield player from England duty because of his televised punch-up with Glenn Cockerill, of Southampton.

The committee, expected to hand Davis a two-match England ban, kept its deliberations secret after a three-hour meeting at the FA's Lancaster Gate headquarters.

Graham Kelly, the FA secretary designate, was instructed not to comment because Davis's appeal against a record nine-match club ban and £3,000 fine is pending.

"The appeal will be held within the next week, so we can't comment on the Davis case," Kelly said. He refused to confirm whether Davis would be considered by Bobby Robson for the World Cup tie against Sweden on October 19. Robson is scheduled to announce his squad for that match on Monday.

Davis admitted bringing the game into disrepute by landing the televised punch which broke Cockerill's jaw at Highbury on September 17; his club ban is scheduled to begin on October 15. However, the executive committee did provide for an extension of the FA's disciplinary crackdown. They will in future consider banning players found guilty of serious misconduct from all competitive internationals.

Previously, their action was limited to international exhibition matches only. Kelly said: "As part of a continuing FA policy on misconduct, the committee now says that where players are guilty of serious misconduct, they could be banned from competitive international matches as well as friendlies. Each case will be considered on its merits."

Real take useful cushion on their Scandinavian journey

Real Madrid, recovering the form which made them the most feared team in Europe a year ago, have the perfect opportunity to add to their growing confidence tonight, when they meet the Norwegian champions, Moss, in a European Cup first round, second leg tie.

On a night of 49 ties in the three European club football competitions, the Spanish champions' trip to Scandinavia is for hardly the most spectacular match in prospect as they are armed with a 3-0 advantage from the first leg in Spain two weeks ago.

In the absence of the holders, PSV Eindhoven, of The Netherlands, who were given a first-round bye, and the Italian champions, AC Milan, who play tomorrow, it is one of the most significant as the star-studded Spanish team embark on their attempt to win a record seventh Champions' Cup.

A month ago, at the start of the Spanish league campaign, Real Madrid appeared to be struggling following the midsummer arrival of the West German midfield player, Bernd Schuster, from Barcelona and doubts began to creep in about the overall quality of the team.

Consistently improving performances have dispelled all that, however, and last Sunday, orchestrated by the unpredictable Schuster, Madrid beat Real Oviedo 3-1, the international forward, Emilio Butragueño, proving his return to form after a dismal showing in the finals of the European Championship in June, by scoring twice.

Butragueño, the Mexican, Hugo Sánchez, and Schuster now combine to offer a tantalizing prospect in Real's attack which should have little trouble in completing a comfortable aggregate victory to secure a place in the second round.

Neutrals will hope the succeeding draws in the competition will not pair Madrid with Milan, who will be without their Dutch international captain, Ruud Gullit, for the tie against Vitosha Sofia, of Bulgaria, tomorrow.

Gullit is recovering from an ankle injury but fellow-Dutchmen, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, will play in a Milan team which will not be announced until the midfield player, Alberigo Evani, and Antonio Virdis, a forward, report back from Olympic duties. Milan lead 2-0 from the first leg.

Real Madrid and Milan are likely to be joined by the 1986 Champions' Cup winners, Steaua Bucharest, who start their second leg tie against Sparta Prague in Romania with a 5-1 advantage, and the 1987 winners, Porto, of Portugal, who go to HJK Helsinki with a 3-0 lead.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, the holders, Mechelen, of Belgium, having trounced Beggen, of Luxembourg 8-1 on aggregate, are already awaiting the second round draw.

Johan Cruyff's Barcelona, 2-0 up against Fram Reykjavik, of Iceland, and playing well in the Spanish league, should join them.

In the UEFA Cup, the most exciting tie could be in Amsterdam, where struggling Ajax attempt to recover a 4-2 deficit against Sporting Lisbon. Diego Maradona's Napoli do not play until tomorrow, when they visit PAOK Salonika in Greece.

Coyle faces Finns at full strength

By George Ace

For the first time this season, Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, has his full complement of players from which to select for the first-round, second-leg tie in the UEFA Cup against Turun Palloseura, of Finland, at Wrexham tonight.

Martin McGaughey, his leading goalscorer, was passed fit after a test on Monday night and showed no reaction during training at Windsor Park yesterday morning before the team's departure.

Tommy Jackson, manager at the Oval, where Glentoran meet Moscow Spartak tonight, also reported a clean bill of health as he mused over the problem of how best to approach the European Cup game against what he regards "as the best team we have played for a very long time".

But Coyle has a big advantage over his City rival: he starts off level with the Finns after a goalless first leg in Turku; Jackson's team trails by two goals to the Soviet Union side.

Jim McLaughlin, the Derry City manager, was in buoyant mood as he departed yesterday with the League of Ireland premier division leaders to resume their Cup Winners' Cup tie with Cardiff City after a goalless first leg at the Brandywell.

Derry will be without their captain and midfield motivator, Gauld, as well as stylish right back, Vaudequin, who are both injured. Keay is again standing in for Vaudequin and will also captain the side, but no decision on who takes over in midfield will be made until today.

Glenavon, away to Aarhus of Denmark, and trailing 4-1 after the first leg; Dundalk, 5-0 down to Red Star Belgrade after the Oriel Park meeting; and St Patrick's Athletic, 2-0 losers at home to Heart of Midlothian four weeks ago, are on the wing but without, realistically, even a prayer of further progress.

Supporters attempt to bridge divide with FA

By Louise Taylor

Something of a quiet revolution is scheduled to take place at Lancaster Gate this morning. For the first time, representatives of the Football Supporters Association will meet with officials of the Football Association.

That the nationwide supporters' organization has never previously had an audience with one of football's ruling bodies indicates the gulf dividing the football hierachy from the men and women who effectively underwrite the game's existence.

Ted Croker, the outgoing FA secretary, Graham Kelly, his successor, Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, and Glenn Kirton, its Press officer, will meet with five FSA members for a meeting which will cover six issues affecting the sport.

The thorny questions of the Government's plans to introduce a compulsory national membership card scheme, preparations for the return of English clubs to Europe in 1989, Cup final ticket allocations, propects for England international matches being rotated to different regions, ticket pricing policy at Wembley and the scope for liason between the FA and the League will all be discussed.

Rogan Taylor, the chairman of the FSA said: "We'll be as positive as we can at this meeting, seeking to develop a fruitful relationship with the FA to the benefit of all football supporters."

His association is an energetic advocate of the case for increasing supporters' ticket allocations for Cup finals; it also favours the prompt return of English clubs to European competition.

Charterhouse blunted by Moulding's saves

Schools football by George Chesterton

With the south of England enjoying an Indian summer, Lancing were able to entertain Charterhouse in ideal conditions. Lancing put in a workmanlike performance, their first goal coming after 20 minutes from a long shot by Evans.

Charterhouse fought back strongly but were unable to get past Moulding, who made some good saves in the Lancing goal. Brown-Peterside scored rather against the run of play, shortly before the final whistle, to give Lancing a 2-0 win.

James scored first for Malvern at Eton, in a game played at a lively pace, when he intercepted a back-pass and slipped the ball past the goalkeeper. Wills equalized almost immediately with a hard shot from the edge of the area. A 1-1 draw was a fair result.

Shrewsbury dominated their match with King's Chester. They were two up at half time and although King's pulled one goal back Shrewsbury piled on the pressure and scored three times more. Wynn and Coltart had two goals each and Jones one. Coltart's second goal, and Shrewsbury's fifth, was a superb volley from 10 yards.

Seven goals were scored when Hulme GS met their northern rivals, Manchester GS. Payton, of Hulme, scored first after 15 minutes with a 25-yard drive. Fletcher equalized within two minutes but Hulme went ahead again by half-time.

Fogg brought Manchester back on equal terms shortly after the interval, but goals from Pemberton and Wilcock put Hulme in a commanding position. Buxton narrowed the gap and in the last five minutes Manchester were pressing to level the score.

ICE SKATING

Loops pull Conway down to second

By John Hennessy

Robin Cousins was guardedly satisfied with the performance of his distinguished new pupil after the first exercise of the Skate Electric UK International at Richmond yesterday. "Not too bad," he said, contemplating Joanne Conway's second place, behind a late American substitute, Kelly Szmurlo.

Bearing in mind Cousins's articulate flow of conversation, this was a model of controlled appreciation. "It was not her best by any means," he said, "but this is the first competition of the season and, of course, our first together."

Conway won the first figure, a paragraph bracket, but fell back on the loops. Seven of the nine judges preferred those of Szmurlo, including the Briton on the panel, Robert Worsfold, who is appearing at this level for the first time.

Cousins was unperturbed by the setback. "It depends on what the judges are looking for," he said. "Some want to see this, some want to see that."

There was a certain piquancy in the situation, since Szmurlo is trained by Carlo Fassi, Conway's mentor in recent years. Szmurlo, ranked ninth in the United States, is an unknown quantity in Britain and she is taking part in her first international competition.

For Cousins and Conway, this is partly a voyage of discovery and partly the fulfilment of an obligation to the sponsors. "Had this competition been held anywhere but in Britain," Cousins said, "I would have pulled her out."

The draw for the original programme (replacing the old short programme) was kind to Conway, sending her out last, so that she would have the benefit of knowing what she would have to do to overhaul Szmurlo.

Not that beating the other skaters is her prime consideration. "The result here will have been forgotten by the time we get to the European championships in January," Cousins said. "Joanne feels good about it, and that's all that matters at this stage."

RESULTS: Women's figures: 1, K Szmurlo (US), 0.4pts; 2, J Conway (GB), 0.8; 3, C Wong (Can), 1.2; 4, B Gelmini (It), 1.6; 5, C Wolff (WG), 2.0; 6, N Gorbenko (USSR), 2.4; 7, G Fulton (GB), 2.8; 8, S Schmid (Switz), 3.2; 9, I Voralova (Cz), 3.6. Men's figures: 1, G Filipowski (Pol), 0.4pts; 2, C Bowman (US), 0.8; 3, K Browning (Can), 1.2; 4, A Medenc (Fr), 1.6; 5, L Diesler (Den), 2.0; 6, D Gromov (USSR), 2.4; 7, R Winkler (EG), 2.8; 8, S Cousins (GB), 3.2; 9, A Moore (GB), 3.6.

GOLF

Just what the doctor ordered

By Patricia Davies

A few of her husband's arthritis tablets and some serious thought helped Catherine Bailey to a round of 78 and a one-shot lead after the first day of the senior women's British championship at Littlestone yesterday.

Brenda King, winner of the inaugural title in 1981, was the only other player to break 80 on a day when the breeze was tricky rather than fierce and the rain was conspicuous by its absence.

Bearing in mind the doping controversies that plagued the recent Olympics, it must be pointed out that Bailey's tablets feature on the approved, rather than the banned, list.

Bad elbow notwithstanding, Bailey started off with four pars but was troubled by a mild form of duck hook that contributed to her taking a double bogey seven at the fifth. She dropped another shot at the next after her well struck tee shot ran off the elevated green and was lucky to rescue her par at the seventh after hoicking her second into a bunker.

By then she had puzzled out that her problem was caused by a poor turn and suffered only one more bad hole, running up her second double bogey seven, at the 10th. A birdie four at the last made the day seem worthwhile.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 78: C Bailey (Tandridge). 79: B King (Pleasington). 80: C Wills (Hindhead). 81: N van der Ploeg (Neth); V Hyman (Pleasington); M Birtwhistle (Pleasington); A Thompson (Sleaford). 82: P Reece (Henbury). 83: P Riddiford (Royal Ashdown Forest), A Nicholas (Lindrick), B Jackson (Handsworth); J Brown (Rye). 84: H Glynn-Jones (North Hants), G Hobbs (Sunningdale). 85: A Howard (Whitefield).

BOXING

S African may offer chance to McDonnell

Jim McDonnell, the unbeaten junior-lightweight, appears set to challenge for the world title in London next month, but the match may cause him more trouble outside the ring than in it (Jonathan Rendall writes).

Details released yesterday, apparently by connections of the South African boxer, Brian Mitchell, claim that Mitchell will make his sixth defence of the World Boxing Association (WBA) title against McDonnell at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre, South London, on November 2.

Under a recent WBA ruling, Mitchell is forbidden to defend his championship in his homeland, and the South Africans have been in London negotiating the bout.

The last time a South African boxer of note competed in Britain was 1986, when Gerrie Coetzee lost in one round to Frank Bruno in a world title eliminator. Then, John Conteh led protests from within the boxing community against the match. Subsequently, Barry McGuigan has refused to consider a bout with Mitchell.

Terry Lawless, McDonnell's manager, said negotiations were taking place.

CRICKET

Getty helps Derbyshire with £10,000

John Paul Getty jnr has donated £10,000 to Derbyshire county cricket club for its "youth and indoor cricket programme".

"It will be a tremendous help," Ian Edwards, the Derbyshire secretary, said. Getty has made substantial donations to MCC and several county clubs.

● Internal warfare continues in Gloucestershire, where a group backing David Graveney, the dismissed captain, has gathered sufficient signatures to demand a special meeting and says it will hand it in unless Don Perry, the County chairman, and David Allen, chairman of the club's cricket committee, resign.

Mike Hammond, the organizer, said: "Allen should go for the way he handled the affair, while we are also concerned at the lack of leadership from Perry, who has sat on the fence too long."

● Garfield Harrison was yesterday named Britannia Irish Cricketer of the Year. Harrison, an off-spinner, topped the Ulster and Irish bowling averages and helped his club, Waringstown, win the Northern League and cup double.

Second went to John McBrine (Donemana), with the North West taking the team award.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Union recruits given a stage

By Keith Macklin

Outstanding recruits to rugby league, such as Adrian Hadley, David Bishop, Gary Pearce and Peter Williams, will be given a taste of the representative game in a nine-a-side tournament at Central Park, Wigan, on November 2.

The 1988 Nines, sponsored by British Coal, will include two new teams. There will be a Rest of the World squad, coached by Don Furner, of Australia, and a President's IX, chosen by Les Bettinson, the president of the Rugby Football League.

Bettinson will choose from clubs not otherwise taking part in the tournament, and is expected to include the recent signings from rugby union. The Rest of the World team will be chosen from the players flown into the country to take part in the challenge match at Headingley against Great Britain four days previously.

The club sides in the tournament will be Widnes, St Helens, Wigan, Bradford Northern, Leeds and Warrington. The first prize will be £6,000, with £4,000 for the runners-up, £3,000 to the second-round losers and £2,000 for the first-round losers.

This is the second year of the British Coal Nines, and last year's innovation of a women's match will be repeated with Crosfields Ladies, from Warrington, meeting Guiseley Angels, from Yorkshire.

● Wally Lewis, the captain of Australia and arguably the world's most complete player, will captain the Rest of the World team against Great Britain in the Headingley challenge game on October 29. It will be his last appearance in Britain, as he intends to retire from the game at the end of next year's Australian season.

Other world-class players who will be in the side are Allan Langer, Noel Cleal and John Ferguson, also of Australia, the Papua New Guinea centre and right-wing pairing of Bal Numapo and Arnold Krewanty, and the French full back, Jean-Philippe Pougeau; and hooker, Thierry Bernabe.

New Zealand will be represented by three players well established in the English game: Dean Bell and Tony Iro (Wigan) and Kurt Sorensen, the Widnes captain. The full team will be announced on October 18.

● Rochdale Hornets face a winding-up petition in the High Court in London today from the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise.

Hornets owe £48,000 in tax and £9,000 in Value Added Tax, but Paul Reynolds, the club's secretary, said: "We will be seeking an adjournment to give us breathing space."

Rochdale Council recently turned down planning permission for Hornets to sell their vandal-hit Athletic Ground to a property developer for £2.5 million to build a supermarket.

Hornets moved into Spotland, Rochdale Football Club's ground, this season and Reynolds said: "We have appealed against the council's decision to stop planning permission and the outcome of that is obviously crucial to our future."

The club had agreed to sell its ground to Wright Properties, the Hull development firm, but local residents opposed.

● Oldham have offered Des Foy, their Australia-bound centre, a three year contract — and given him permission to play in Sydney during the English close season — in an attempt to keep him at Watersheddings.

Foy, who is planning to emigrate in January, has also been offered a three-year deal by the Sydney league club, Newcastle Knights.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New Orleans Saints 20, Dallas Cowboys 17.

ATHLETICS

HENDON: Women's National 10 miles road race: 1, S Branney (Glasgow McLaren) 55min 32sec; 2, S Dilnot (Lordshill RR Southampton) 55:35.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED: Northern 10km road race: 1, K Lyall (Edinburgh Southern) 31min 12sec; 2, L Atkinson (Alnwick) 31:18; 3, J Connolly (Gala) 31:32. Team: 1, Blyth 24pts. Women: 1, P Calder (Duns) 38.09.

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: International match: Scotland 1, Canada 6 (Canadian names first): Women's singles: D Julien bt A Gibson, 11-6, 11-6; C Sharpe bt G Martin, 11-1, 11-4. Men's singles: M Butler lost to A Gallacher, 15-11, 11-15, 7-15; E Humble bt K Scott, 18-17, 15-11. Mixed doubles: M Bitten and D Piche bt K Middlemiss and E Allen, 15-8, 15-9. Women's doubles: D Julien and C Sharpe bt J Allen and E Allen, 15-8, 15-3. Men's doubles: M Butler and D Humble (Can) bt D Travers and R Gladwin, 17-16, 15-6.

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: ESSO Formula Ford 1600 Championship (10 laps, 29.69 miles): 1, P Leite de Faria, Van Diemen RF88, 17min 27.71sec; 2, P Chaves, Van Diemen RF88, 17:28.85. Fastest lap: Chaves, Van Diemen RF88 1 42.98, 103.79, 167.03. BRDC Sports Car Championship (40 laps, 118.76 miles): 1, A Walker/Stott, Tiga GC287, 2:51 19; 2, A Harvey/Hodgetts, Tiga GC287, 2:54.41; 3, A Colvill/Mallock, Ecosse C2, 3:12.72. Fastest Laps: A Williams/Walters, Tiga TS85, 1 30 19, 118.50, 190.71; C Pool/Leslie, Tiga TS86, 1:31 55, 116.74, 187.87.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RODSTOCK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Leigh Miners 16, Pilkington 25; Milford 24, Millom 12; West Hull 27, Heworth 17; Wigan St Patricks 20, Egremont 14; Woolston 10, Dudley Hill 33.

SNOOKER

DUBLIN: Foster's Professional championships: Semi-finals: M Hallett (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-3.

FOOTBALL

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Nuremberg 1, Hamburg 4.

POLISH LEAGUE: Wisla Krakow 1, Olimpia Poznan 1; GKS Jastrzebie 2, Slask Wroclaw 0; Lech Poznan 1, Gornik Walbrzych 1; Jagiellonia Bialystok 1, Szombierki Bytom 0; LKS Lodz 0, GKS Katowice 2; Pogon Szczecin 1, Widzew Lodz 1; Stal Mielec 0, Gornik Zabrze 0; Ruch Chorzow 1, Legia Warszawa 0. Leading positions: 1, GKS Katowice, played 10, 18pts; 2, Gornik Zabrze, 10, 17; 3, Ruch Chorzow, 10, 16.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Trinidad and Tobago 1, Canada 2.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Luton Town 2, Norwich City 1; Millwall 2, West Ham United 2; Queen's Park Rangers 1, Southampton 2; Charlton Athletic 1, Fulham 2.

Tuesday's late results

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Port Vale 2, Huddersfield Town 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Loughton 1, Ruislip Manor 5.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds United 0, Barnsley 1; West Bromwich Albion 3, Blackburn Rovers 1. Second division: Mansfield Town 0, Grimsby Town 0; Preston North End 3, Blackpool 2; Darlington 2, Rotherham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley 1, Horwich 0.

PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: Dagenham 1, Croydon 3; Kidderminster Harriers 2, Telford United 0; Worcester City 2, Bath City 0.

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round: Replay: North Shields 2, Alfreton Town 1. Second replay: Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Bognor Regis 0.

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: First round: Harlow Town 0, Braintree 1.

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: At Widnes: 236: West Derby Comprehensive (D Pimblett 78, S Moss 74, A Knight 84). 240: Merchant Taylors', Crosby (S McGee 77, R Pemberton 80, J Owen 83). 244: Widnes Sixth Form College (A Jennions 83, I Sutton 75, S Townsend 86). Best individual: 74: S Moss. At Stratford on Avon: 237: Rugby (J Bowen 74, S Corkill 80, A Fort 83); Solihull (R Crawford 78, D Fleet 79, P Whittam 80). 242: Pate's GS, Cheltenham (N Ratcliffe-Williams 78, A Stalley 84, P Moriarty 80). Best individual: 74: J Bowen (Rugby).

TENNIS

EASTBOURNE: LTA Women's Challenge tournament: First round: A Gerber (WG) bt S Dopfer (Aus), 6-2, 7-5; S Sullivan bt Y Der Kinderen (Neth), 7-5, 6-4. Second round: S Smith bt A Gerber (WG), 6-3, 7-6; C Bakkum (Neth) bt M Laval (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; A Grunfeld bt B Borneo, 6-1, 6-3; J Louis bt J Jonerup (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; G Boschiero (It) bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 7-6, 7-6; S Sullivan bt L Gould, 6-4, 6-2; A Betzner (WG) bt K Oberleitner (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; C Dahlman (Swe) bt T Wilmink (Neth), 6-3, 6-1.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's Grand Prix tournament: First round (US unless stated): D Rostagno bt B Pearce, 6-3, 6-4; J Grabb bt J Berger, 7-6, 6-1; D Pate bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-1, 6-3; T Svantesson (Swe) bt T Witsken, 7-6, 6-4; K Curren bt R Reneberg, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; P Aldrich (SA) bt P McEnroe, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; M Pernfors (Swe) bt G Muller (SA), 6-4, 6-0; P Sampras bt J Courier, 6-3, 6-1.

NEW ORLEANS: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): M Seles (Yug) bt A Frazier, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; S Sloane bt H Cioffi, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; A Grossman bt M Werdel, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; R White bt I Kuczynska (Pol), 6-2, 6-2; A Smith bt M Daniels, 7-5, 6-1.

SOFTBALL

BATTERSEA PARK, London: Pan-Am Classic (senior citizens): Maryland 11, Texas 14; London Old Firm 9, Michigan 20; Maryland 14, New York 24; New York 17, London Old Firm 4.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolves 64, Bradford 26.

SOUTH WEST JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (after run-off): 1, T Williams (Milton Keynes), 12pts; 2, J Wainwright (Rye House), 12; 3, S Brennan (Exeter) 12.

SQUASH RACKETS

SHEFFIELD: Stone's Yorkshire championship final: S Parke bt J Lilley, 9-0, 9-1, 9-3.

STOCKTON: Cordforth Durham and Cleveland championships: Men: Y Abbas bt N Harrison, 9-4, 5-9, 9-5, 9-5. Women: P Nichol bt F Sinclair, 9-6, 9-1, 9-7.

LACROSSE

BECKENHAM: Tour match: East Territory 3, Australia 5

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Lyle dismayed by seedings for Match Play title

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle yesterday criticized the decision of the International Management Group (IMG) to seed Nick Faldo ahead of Jeff Sluman, the US PGA champion, in the *Suntory World Match Play* Championship which starts at Wentworth tomorrow.

Lyle, a client of the IMG organization, which controls the championship, said: "I think it is a little degrading that the US PGA champion has not been ranked amongst the top four players here this week.

"*There are always surprises*, always hiccups, with this draw and at the end of the day it is up to Mark McCormack, because his company run the championship. But I think Jeff deserved to be recognized because of the fine way that he won the US PGA Championship."

Faldo, who lost out to Sluman following an intriguing final round in Oklahoma in August, is seeded fourth behind Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, Severiano Ballesteros, the Open champion, and Lyle, the Masters champion.

Sluman, however, is compelled to move into action *tomorrow* — 24 hours before the seeded quartet — against Nobuo Serizawa, of Japan, *and if successful he will* encounter Woosnam in the second round.

"I'm here, I guess I should be happy to be invited and it is nice that Sandy has had so many complimentary things to say about me," Sluman said. "I'm not going to get hot under the collar about the decision. But it is a fact that to win I will have to play 144 holes whereas the seeded players need play only 108."

Lyle, who has reached the final of this prestigious tournament four times without winning, brought to light the behind-the-scenes influence of IMG. It was the sort of refreshing conversation we have come to expect from Lyle's down-to-earth disposition. He has stressed on several occasions, for in*stance, that he had no desire to* compete, following a long, arduous season, in a so-called "Test Match" series in Australia next month.

Yesterday he revealed how his mind had been changed after a conversation at his own house despite IMG claims that it does not attempt to influence the decisions of its players. "A couple of hit men from IMG came round to my house for tea with their suitcases and threatened to open *them!*" he said. "I'm now the captain of the Great Britain team. That, however, will positively be my last tournament appearance of this year.

"Whatever IMG come up with, I'm not playing in anything until the Tour*nament of Champions in* America next January.

"This season has been thoroughly satisfying, in terms of the successes that I have enjoyed, but it has *still* been a long slog. Winning major championships, and other titles in America, takes its toll. More recently I've had swing problems which have not helped. But I desperately want to win this title so I will be *trying as hard as I can.*

Rodger Davis, of Australia, and Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, must meet to decide who will face Lyle in the second round. Barry Lane, the *Bell's Scottish* Open champion, takes on the American, Joey Sindelar, while Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, meets Mark McCumber, of the United States.

First round draw

J Sluman (US) v N Serizawa (Japan)
(winner to meet I Woosnam)
J Sindelar (US) v B Lane (GB)
(winner to meet N Faldo)
R Davis (Aus) v N Price (Zim)
(winner to meet A Lyle)
M McNulty (Zim) v M McCumber (US)
(winner to meet S Ballesteros)

Sponsors worried by clash of dates

By Mitchell Platts

Benson and Hedges, the longest-serving sponsor on the PGA *European Tour*, is on the threshold of withdrawing its support in 1989. The tobacco company, which launched its International Open at Fulford, York, in 1971, when Tony Jacklin won, is disturbed that the date pencilled in for its tournament next year coincides with that of the US PGA championship.

Len Owen, a director of Benson and Hedges, said: "It doesn't make commercial sense to run our tournament, which is televised, against the US PGA championship, which will also be on TV. I'm open to suggestions, but I would like to move to another date. We will not play against the US PGA championship.

"It would mean that all the star players were competing in America. Seve Ballesteros has not played in our International since 1984, and I would like a date *which gives him the* opportunity to enter. He is what we call the ticket seller. *He is the No. 1 drawing card in world golf.*"

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, said: "Right now the Benson and Hedges event does clash with the US PGA Championship and that is the *way it is*. And with each succeeding year, and the continuing growth of the game worldwide, there will be more, not less of these conflicts. That is life.

"However, on October 12 I will sit down with all the European federations and try to resolve all the potential conflicts. My aim is to do my best for all our sponsors, and that, of course, includes Benson and Hedges."

Souness may be included

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Katowice

The reserves of Glasgow Rangers, who are valued at more than £7 million, have been stretched beyond a healthy limit. Graeme Souness is so short of adequate reserves that he is considering rushing himself back into the squad for the second leg of the UEFA Cup *first round tie here* this afternoon.

Souness, troubled by a persistent calf injury, resumed training only on Monday. Even if he is able to dismiss his own doubts about his fitness, the player-manager will be joined on the bench either by comparatively old men or by "players who are just boys in terms of European experience".

Five members of his expensive party are unavailable. Drinkell, the leader of the attack during the 1-0 victory in the first leg, and Nisbet are injured. Brown, penalized by *UEFA* for scattering the contents of the medical bag of GKS Catowice's physiotherapist on the Ibrox pitch, is suspended and Neale Cooper and Gray are ineligible.

Dundee United, depleted by injuries, have included the *midfield player*, Alan Preston, aged 20, for their European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Floriana, of Malta. Preston, whose only first team appearances came in the final two games of last season, makes his European debut as United *begin the second leg on level* terms after a goalless draw in Malta.

Jim McLean, the United manager, who has lost midfielder McInally due to injury and still has doubts over Narey and Paatelainen, said: "*We have taken five points* from five games at Tannadice so we need a big improvement."

● Charlton Athletic are the *latest* club to enquire about the Liverpool midfield player, Kevin MacDonald. The Charlton manager, Lennie Lawrence, however, is unlikely *to* receive any more encouragement than Newcastle did last week while Liverpool still have a lengthy casualty list.

MacDonald, the former Leicester captain, has only just returned to the Liverpool team after two years on the sidelines with a broken leg and is currently on a week-to-week contract at Anfield.

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Aberdeen stung by Dresden's taunts

From Clive White, Dresden

Judging by the Olympics medal table, any contest between East Germany and Scotland ought to be a mismatch. Thankfully, there is still a sport which offers, perhaps, one exception to the rule — football. Aberdeen *must cling to this belief for all* they are worth if they are to progress beyond the first round of the UEFA Cup here tonight.

Dinamo Dresden, their opponents, with whom they played out a goalless draw in *the first* leg *at Pittodrie last* month, have already attempted to undermine their opponents' confidence by criticizing the Scots for lack of technique and adaptability. The retort of Alex Smith, the Aberdeen manager, was that *as far as he remembered* East German clubs have a habit of making an early exit from European competition and that only FC Magdeburg, had won a competition as against the three trophies won by Scottish clubs.

One of those winners was Aberdeen, five years ago in the Cup Winners' Cup. But that has as much relevance with regard to tonight's outcome as Aberdeen's last appearance in this country when they lost four years ago to Dinamo Berlin on penalties in a European Cup tie. They would have won that tie had Miller, *their central defender*, not missed from the penalty spot with Aberdeen leading 4-3 in the shoot-out. Not surprisingly, Miller said yesterday he thought that there were at least five players better qualified than he to take penalties even if he has already scored four goals this season in domestic competition.

Dinamo have extended their lead in the East German league to three points ahead of Carl Zeiss Jena since their first leg meeting. Aberdeen have since consolidated what Miller describes as a steady rather than spectacular start to the season. Thirteen games without defeat can do wonders for a team's confidence as Aberdeen have illustrated in recent weeks in defeating Hearts, Celtic and Dundee United, the latter two sides away from home.

It is largely because of this form away from Pittodrie (last Saturday's dismal draw at *Motherwell* apart) that Aberdeen have high hopes of parting the Iron Curtain long enough to slip through on that important away goal. While the in-form Dodds will carry a large responsibility for achieving that end, much depends upon the assistance he receives from Simpson, an experienced international, whose presence is threatened by a groin injury. Aberdeen will wait until today to guage his reaction to last night's training session.

ABERDEEN (probable): T Snelders; S McKimmie, D Robertson, N Simpson, A McLeish, W Miller, C Nicholas, J Bett, D Dodds, R Connor, J Hewitt.

McNeill tries to lift Celtic off the ropes

Celtic, whose morale has taken a severe pounding, will attempt to pick themselves up *against Honved in the Euro*pean Cup at Parkhead tonight.

"We know we are on the ropes at the moment, but we aim to spring off them bat*tling*," Billy McNeill, the manager, said.

Celtic start the first round, second leg match 1-0 down to the Hungarian side, but McNeill is hoping that his fighting talk will be transmitted to the players who have started the season by stumbling from one crisis to another.

Five defeats in eight League games, conceding 15 goals in the process, *may have* unnerved McNeill, but he has not yet lost faith in the team which completed the double last season.

He said: "We cannot afford to be careless against Honved and go hell for leather in *search of the goal we need to* level the tie. Of course we want it back quickly — but not in a haphazard manner.

"Carelessness has cost us dearly. There have been mistakes at the back which I hope we will eradicate. We need a break or two, and the players and myself see no reasons why we cannot get through."

Burns, the midfield player, *has* an ankle injury, but his likely replacement, Stark, gave McNeill some encouragement by managing to train yesterday with another casualty, *Morris. Both should be able to* play, but McNeill will not select his team until he has checked that neither suffers a reaction to the training.

Warm afterglow of golden success

Returning warrior: Imran Sherwani, scorer of two goals in the final, greets his fiancée, Louise (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Hockey on the upswing

From Sydney Friskin
Seoul

A wide range of incentives *following the gold medal* triumph could put British hockey in a more stabilized position in the near future. The immediate impact here was the announcement that Minet had agreed to renew their sponsorship of the Great Britain squad *in the next stage of* preparation, which is some time away.

The result could be an additional flow from other sources of sponsorship income, which in England is now more than a million pounds a year with *substantial support* received from Lada Cars, Nationwide Anglia, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Poundstretcher.

Since the main annual events are already covered by sponsorship, as also are the *regional leagues, sponsorship* income can be diverted to other forms of activity such as coaching or competition at junior level. Senior clubs, particularly those engaged in the Poundstretcher National League starting on October 15, *could, however,* attract sponsorship from commercial firms.

An acceleration in the game's development can also be expected, with the setting up of a much needed national centre for hockey as the focal *point, particularly as the Brent* council have offered to put more money into giving the Willesden Stadium a facelift, which will include an additional playing pitch.

The Hockey Association could be tempted to go there *but* the special committee appointed to deal with this project has a shortlist of six possible sites encompassing the North, Midlands and the South. The amenities offered by each are being carefuly studied.

The impact on the public at large remains to be seen, Saturday matches being un*likely to pack the sidelines.*

As for the players, some of them, Taylor, Barber and Dodds, will retire and look with pride on their long-awaited gold medal. Others will find more substantial perks, particularly Kerly, *whose name should not remain* long on the unemployed list. An excited admirer said here after Kerly had scored his eighth Olympic goal: "Pity he wasn't a footballer. He'd be a millionaire."

Sadness tinges return of the conquerors

By Mike Cleary

"It's not like this at East Grinstead on a wet Saturday afternoon," muttered someone. To the unfamiliar backdrop of popping corks, *clicking cameras, and* scribbling pencils, shrieks and bearhugs, the victorious men's hockey team was mobbed on its way through Terminal 4 at Heathrow yesterday on returning from Seoul.

"I've never seen a policeman *on crowd control duty* before," one flag-waving supporter from Havant said. His club was welcoming back David Faulkner and Russell Garcia.

There wasn't a dry eye in the house. Nor a dry throat for that matter. The champagne flowed freely. And the hockey boys were took advantage.

Flight BA006 from Seoul had stopped in Anchorage, whose claim to fame is the cheapest duty free shop in the world. "We made the most of it," said Robert Watson, president of the Southgate club, secretary of the European Hockey Federation, and treasurer to the British Olympic Association, whose exultant, slobbery embrace of the Princess *Royal at the final whistle* last Saturday had prompted her to remark: "You're like a big balloon. I just hope you don't burst."

It was a heady occasion. It even caused Ian Taylor, the normally deadpan, down-to-earth goalkeeper, *to mix his* celebratory metaphors. "I'm over the world," he said. And well he might be, for we shall never see him flinging himself between the sticks again. As he hugged Julie, his wife, Taylor, aged 33, said: "That's it, I'm afraid. I'll never wear a pair of pads again. I said I'd retire at the top and the prospect of gold was the only thing that kept me in the game."

If it was a joyous reception, it was also tinged with sadness with the realization that this was the last time this squad would be together. Definitely following Taylor into retirement are Richard Dodds, the captain, who flew to Australia for a holiday before taking up a post as surgeon at Midhurst *hospital, Paul Barber, the vice* captain, despite being marooned on 99 caps, Richard Leman, a stalwart of the midfield, as well as the manager, Roger Self. Several others have hinted that they may follow suit after a few weeks' *suitable reflection.*

Ray Petit, managing director of Minet, whose company had ploughed in £1.5 million to the Olympic preparation with a special contribution to the hockey team of £160,000 obviously thought so too. "We couldn't have picked a better sport or a better bunch of guys," he said. He is putting his money there, too, pledging Minet's support to men's hockey to Barcelona in 1992.

The last word to Self. "That brilliant day. I shall never forget the sight of the British flag going up."

Brown must explain evasion

By Louise Taylor

Kerrith Brown, stripped of his Olympic bronze medal after a positive drug test, is to appear *before the* management committee of the British Judo Association today.

The drug was Furosemide, a diuretic, which Brown claims was administered by a Japanese doctor to reduce a knee inflammation. It was done without the knowledge of Arthur Mapp, the British team manager, or Dr Ken Kingsbury, the team doctor, and the management committee will press Brown to explain why he failed to disclose his actions.

Tony Reay, the British association development officer, said: "We want to hear Kerrith's first-hand account of *what happened: But I doubt if* we will reach any final decision against him, if indeed there is a decision to be made. It will be an exploratory meeting because we are unlikely to take action until Arthur Mappin and Dr Kingsbury *return from Seoul.*"

Reay could not confirm that Brown has been banned from international competition by the International Judo Federation and has been barred from future participation by the International Olympic Committee. "We have received no official information," he said.

● *Linford Christie* has been given the total support of the British Amateur Athletic Board over his "so-called positive drug test" in Seoul. An Olympic medical commission found traces of pseudoephredine — a banned substance — *in Christie's urine* after he finished fourth in the 200 metres, but the BAAB "fully accept his statement that the 6-8.4 parts per million were in the normal range for taking cough and cold medicines."

Law detects a Johnson flier

Toronto (AFP) — Ben Johnson, the sprinter who had his Olympic title and world record stripped for taking drugs, has been booked for speeding by Toronto police.

Johnson was stopped after travelling at 87 mph in his Ferrari while trying to evade journalists and television crews.

After being given the ticket Johnson was involved in a scuffle with a cameraman in a car park before driving off.

Latin American protest

Mexico City (Reuter) — The World Boxing Council (WBC) *is to organize a Latin Ameri*can protest over what it claims was flagrant discrimination against the region's boxers during the Seoul Olympics. The protest will be delivered to the International Amateur Boxing Association.

*A statement from the coun*cil, which sanctions only professional bouts, said representatives from Latin America's boxing federations will meet in Mexico City at the end of the month to discuss a possible protest among other issues.

"There was not a single close fight in which a Latin American won and there were others in which Latins were robbed in an inexplicable and *shameful* way," the WBC statement read.

It held that Olympic boxing judges showed "unquestionable" prejudice against boxers from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Mexico.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Captain is reinstated

Dilip Vengsarkar, the cricketer who was stripped of the Indian captaincy for writing articles on the West Indies tour early this year, has been reinstated for the Champions Trophy in Sharjah.

The batsman, aged 32, completed his suspension from international cricket in July. The tournament will take place from October 16 to 22.

INDIAN PARTY: D B Vengsarkar (captain), R J Shastri, K Srikkanth, N S Sidhu, M Amarnath, M Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, K S More, A Ayub, S Sharma, N Hirwani, R Patel, C S Pandit, Maninder Singh.

Fast forwards

Allan Martin, Wales's most-capped rugby union forward, joins J. J. Williams and Lynn Davies to assist the coaching and fitness training of the national squad.

Briars: end to internationals

Seeking law

Gawain Briars, the former *British squash rackets* champion, is to retire from international competition to study a law degree at Cardiff University. He will play for Leekes Welsh Wizards, the American Express premier league club.

Portland trial

An official at Portland Trail Blazers, the NBA *basketball* side, said it was unlikely that the Soviet international, Arvydas Sabonis, would play for them this season.

Family outing

Jack Brabham, the three-time world motor-racing champion, teams up with his son Gary in the Cellnet Celebrity Escort XR3i race, and Gary joins his brother, David, in the Formula Three Superprix at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

Leigh dispute

John Kerr, the Leigh stand-off half, will make a personal appearance before the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee in Leeds tomorrow after he was sent off at Carlisle last Sunday for allegedly hitting an opponent.

TCCB given new tour decision date

Delhi (AFP) — The Indian cricket authorities have been given a new deadline of October 10 to make a decision on England's seemingly doomed winter tour.

After a limit of noon on Monday, set by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) passed without any announcement, the TCCB said talks were going ahead with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The BCCI secretary, Ranbir Singh, said a communication from the TCCB was expected *by October 10 and that the* tour's future depends on that message. The tour has been put in doubt because of the Indian Government's refusal to give visas.

END COLUMN

Striving for the peak of success

By Rex Bellamy

As a wise rock-climber observed when visiting (in hospital) a rookie who had fallen off, the way to succeed — to get the most out of life — is to set oneself attainable goals.

One does not climb Everest by taking a running jump at the top. And an enduring *truth*, for writers and climbers, is that gravity is dull company unless one is falling off a cliff. This I have done — realizing, during the descent, that climbing rotten rock is another example of trying to bite off more than one can chew.

This theme was explored the other day by a once-prominent tennis player who *said she did not like juniors* to tell her that their goal was to win Wimbledon. She wanted them to concentrate on intermediate goals of increasing difficulty.

Winning and losing are equally habit-forming. The winning habit, an inspiration, is acquired by taking on practicable tasks rather than *hastily* chasing dreams. Success is a good wine. Even in small nips it has the authentic flavour. One does not have to empty the bottle in a rush.

Such thoughts are prompted by a first year of golf and the arrival of a lovely book about climbing.

In choosing his goals, the fledgling golfer who is also a fully fledged veteran has to be as discreet as the fledgling rock-climber (with the important difference that failure in golf does not flirt with physically incurable consequences).

Savouring the pleasure of success

The reasonable first-year goals seemed to be three: going round in level sixes (108) and then breaking 100 and acquiring a handicap below the maximum 28.

With difficulty, I am ticking them off — and savouring the pleasure of success, rather than the bitter after-taste of failure. Which proves the point about setting oneself attainable goals. Moreover, the frontal and lateral slopes of Cowdray Park, plus the panorama of the South Downs, are no mean substitute for hill-walking. And my wife's meal ticket is safer on a golf course than on a squash court, or when dancing on air along cliffs.

The fact remains that golf is only a substitute. The best physical recreation is that family of sports which may be corporately classified as climbing. They give us the measure of our strengths and weaknesses. *They teach us* discretion — because if we choose a climb unwisely we must retreat, which is humbling, or fall off, which is painful. Climbing is good for the body and good for the soul — and every time we get to the *top*, we succeed in life.

The most elementary of these ascendant sports, hill-walking, can lead the energetic young towards the strenuous challenges of rock-climbing, snow and ice work, and Alpine expeditions.

The technique for crossing rivers

The gamut (even the technique for crossing rivers that lack the handy furniture of a bridge) is discussed by John Barry and Roger Mear, who know their stuff, in the inviting, beautifully illustrated *Climbing School*. The work is in two halves. The first, impressively practical, concerns skills: what has to be done and how to do it. The second tells us where we may do it but, for most readers, will be less useful. This second section concentrates on the great ranges of the world rather than our native crags — for example, on Patagonia rather than the Peak District.

The transition from the painstaking technical and tactical precision of the first half to the generalized survey of the second half is a little uneasy. But, having learned much about the craft of achieving attainable goals, the reader can then do some armchair climbing and dream of stupendous challenges thousands of miles away.

This second section may kindle the fire of ambition within the young climber, just as Frank Smythe's books did, 40 years ago. As a whole, *Climbing School* will educate its readers, widen their horizons, and reduce the hazards of exploring those horizons.

● *Climbing School* by John Barry and Roger Mear (Stanley Paul, £14.95).